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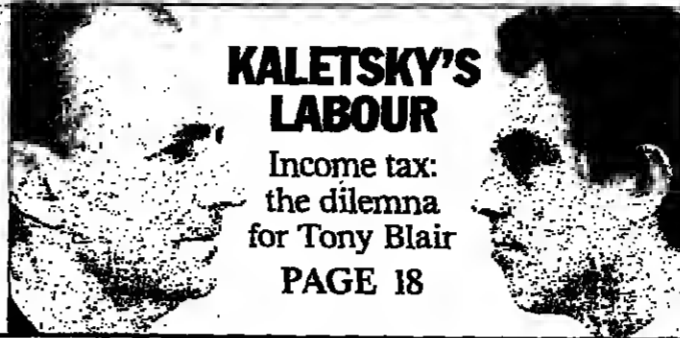
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Portillo walks political tightrope as visitor during Operation Grapes of Wrath

400,000 flee Israeli raids on Lebanon

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the Defence Secretary, walks into a diplomatic minefield today when he becomes the first senior foreign politician to visit Israel since the launch last Thursday of Operation Grapes of Wrath, the military onslaught on Lebanon that is attracting increasing international criticism.

With the number of panic-stricken refugees fleeing southern Lebanon exceeding 400,000, some British ministers are understood to agree with President Chirac of France, who said yesterday that Israel's military operation, in which at least 21 people have been killed and about 50 wounded, was "disproportionate". European opinion has been shocked by reports of Saturday's Israeli attack on a clearly marked ambulance in which four Lebanese children were killed and for which Israeli officers have shown little remorse.

Mr Portillo's visit, which includes meetings with Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister and Defence Minister, an official lunch and tours of military installations, was arranged before the Lebanon operation began. It was intended originally as a further demonstration of improving Anglo-Israeli ties after Britain's recent lifting of its ban on arms sales to Israel. That ban had been imposed after the 1982 invasion of Lebanon masterminded by Ariel Sharon, who was then the Israeli Defence Minister.



Portillo: goodwill visit as Minister of Defence

"The focus will be on Portillo as the only senior statesman to set foot in Israel since the bombardments began," one European diplomat said. "I suspect that privately he would prefer to be in Bosnia or anywhere rather than here because whatever he says he is going to upset somebody: either his Israeli hosts if he condemns them or Britain's friends in the Arab world if he does not."

As Mr Portillo was touring holiday areas of southern Israel yesterday out of the political spotlight, northern Israel was suffering its worst series of rocket attacks for three years: nine salvos of Katyushas had hit the area by nightfall.

Across the border, Lebanese residents over a vast area of territory south of the Litani River were given hours to flee northwards or risk being killed.

Shells from 155mm and 175mm cannon were fired into the more than 50 Lebanese villages affected by the ultimatum: smoke bombs were also fired as an added warning to all the residents to flee. The swirling smoke and deafening noise of the firing have increased anxiety among the Lebanese forced to flee in a procession of battered vehicles. Israel has said that any vehicles travelling south along the coast road from Beirut will be shot at.

Earlier, the Israelis fired missiles at an electricity substation near Beirut after an electricity installation near the Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona was damaged.

The Israeli Cabinet said it would continue the attacks until it secured guarantees that no more rockets would be fired across the border. For its part, Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Islamic group, promised more attacks that would make life hell for the residents of northern Israel.

One Hezbollah rocket fell short yesterday and crashed into the headquarters of the United Nations peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon. It damaged a workshop but caused no casualties, a UN official said. The uncompromising communiqué from a crisis meeting of the Israeli Cabinet announced bluntly: "If Israeli civilian facilities are hit, there will be no immunity from strikes on parallel Lebanese facilities. Israel is not limited by time, and has the patience, fortitude and the ability to continue carrying out the re-



Refugees from Tyre in southern Lebanon crowded into a lorry yesterday as it crawled along jam-packed roads heading for the relative safety of Beirut

quired actions until Hezbollah attacks cease." The communiqué said that Israel had no intention of returning to Lebanon, as it did in the 1982 invasion, but it added: "Hezbollah terrorists and facilities in Lebanon, including those in Beirut, will not enjoy immunity." Senior Israeli military sources said that the fighting was expected to continue for between one and two weeks.

Israel Radio reported that Mr Peres had clashed in a telephone conversation with President Chirac. When he described Israel's reaction as

"disproportionate", Mr Peres replied that M Chirac would have responded in the same way if it was Paris that had been attacked.

According to diplomatic sources, some consideration was given by Britain to cancelling or postponing Mr Portillo's three-day visit, but it was considered that that would send too strong a message to Israel at a time when John Major is leading an international diplomatic initiative for a tougher collective stand against Iran and other sponsors of world terrorism. In-

stead, the sources said, Mr Portillo will urge restraint on the Israelis.

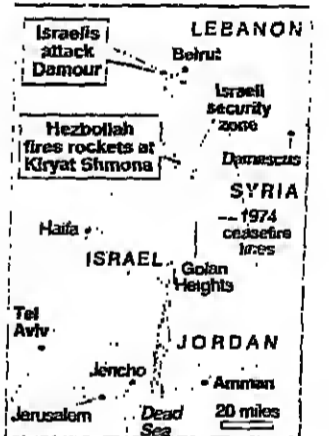
Such calls are unlikely to be heeded, with Israeli officials saying privately that until they are called to heel by the United States, they expect the violence being unleashed on Lebanon to worsen. One Israeli commander said: "We have not yet even moved into second gear."

Little interest was paid by the Israeli Government to calls from Damascus yesterday for a return to the ceasefire agreements that ended the similar 1993 attack.

Under that diplomatic formula, Hezbollah and Israel would agree to limit their attacks to military targets inside southern Lebanon. Israel has accused Hezbollah of stinging its Katyusha rocket launchers in civilian areas.

In Israel, there has been wide approval for the tough action and little political caution. The right-wing opposition Likud Party gave its full support to attacks in all parts of Lebanon.

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Imran gets royal call after bomb

THE Princess of Wales telephoned cricket star Imran Khan yesterday after the bomb attack on his cancer hospital in Lahore, Pakistan.

The Princess, who visited the hospital earlier this year to help to raise funds for the charity project, expressed sympathy for those caught in the blast, which killed six. She also spoke to Imran Khan's wife, Jemima, the Goldsmith heiress, who was flying out to Lahore from London last night.

By coincidence, the Princess had lunch in London yesterday with Jemima's parents, Sir James and Lady Annabel Goldsmith.

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British beef is safe says EU farm chief

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS joined furious Tory backbenchers and Euro-MPs yesterday in calling for an end to the EU ban on British beef after a senior Brussels official admitted it was safe to eat.

Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, said the ban, which has halted exports worth £600 million a year, had been imposed to calm consumer panic over "mad cow" disease and not because British beef was a health risk.

"I would not hesitate to eat beef in England", Herr Fischler said in an interview with Reuters in Absam, his home village in the alpine region of western Austria. "I see no medical reason not to."

He added: "For [public safety alone] a ban would not have been needed. We also wanted to make sure that the whole beef market did not collapse as dramatically as was unfortunately the case in Britain."

Herr Fischler, who has been tipped as a future Austrian president or federal chancellor, suggested that trade in some beef-derived products, such as gelatine and tallow, might be allowed to resume before the overall export ban was lifted.

Commenting on Herr Fischler's remarks, Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "British farmers have been under siege because of a decision by the Community,

and it is just unacceptable to me if that was taken for purely political reasons."

A leading Tory Euro-sceptic, Sir Teddy Taylor, said: "Now that Fischler has admitted that he made a horrendous mistake and did it for all the wrong reasons, I hope other members of the EU Commission will listen to his abject, penitent and pathetic words of apology and remove the ban forthwith."

Sir Gerard Vaughan, Tory MP for Reading East, said: "This is an absolutely astonishing situation. Here is the man who has made Britain a scapegoat... now conceding that all this has been done just for the convenience of Europe."

Edward McMillan-Scott, Euro-MP for York, called for an urgent review of the export ban. "This is a very encouraging message from a key figure. If he had said this earlier... a lot of damage to the British and European beef sectors might have been avoided."

In Brussels, Herr Fischler's press spokesman insisted the commissioner had disclosed nothing new: "If we really thought British beef was unsafe its sale would have been banned in Britain as well as everywhere else in the world. Besides, it was not Herr Fischler who closed the borders but ministers." The

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"If there's a high over Newcastle there's always a low over Manchester"

Newcastle win

Newcastle United beat Aston Villa to close the gap at the top of the Premiership to three points. They have a game in hand over Manchester United who were beaten 3-1 at Southampton on Saturday, despite an emergency change of strip at half-time. Pages 3, 23, 27

Building Bosnia

More than 200 British companies are queuing to share in the reconstruction of former Yugoslavia, where £8 billion of work is expected. A security company hopes to win a contract to clear mines in Bosnia. Page 44

Goldsmith threat

The billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith increased the pressure on John Major over Europe when he announced he would field 600 referendum candidates with a campaign budget of at least £20 million. Page 2

Clare Short apology for gaffe on tax

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR'S campaign to reassure middle-income voters was undermined yesterday when his gaffe-prone frontbencher Clare Short appeared to suggest that those earning around £34,000 a year should pay higher taxes.

Ms Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, was forced to issue a swift retraction when colleagues pointed out that her comments directly contradicted those made by the Labour leader last week. On GMTV's Sunday programme, Ms Short backed the leadership's calls for a fair tax system but added: "I think in a fair tax system people like me would pay a bit more tax."

During his visit to America last week Mr Blair said that he did not want to raise taxes for those on middle incomes. He has previously made clear that

those on about £30,000 would not be targeted.

Ms Short's senior colleagues immediately described her comments as naive, and Labour officials were forced to defend the party against a barrage of attacks from Tory ministers claiming that its tax plans were in disarray. Mr Blair's aides said her comments had been infelicitous.

The Shadow Transport Secretary, who earns £34,085 as an MP, hurriedly issued a statement claiming that it was mischievous to see her remark as a call for higher taxes for people on middle incomes. She said most middle-income families had been "hammered" by Tory tax rises; the Labour Party has no intention of adding to their tax bills.

Ms Short, who has twice recently embarrassed the leadership with off-the-cuff remarks, further angered some frontbench colleagues when, asked if her view had been cleared with Mr Blair, she said: "It's cleared with me. I speak for what I see to be the truth."

Ms Short previously embarrassed colleagues by advocating the legalisation of cannabis and by criticising the decision of Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, to send her son to a selective school.

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Heritage dismisses 'troublemakers'

Kenwood Friends accuse Stevens of neglecting masters

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

SIR Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, was last night embroiled in a dispute over a priceless collection of Old Masters. Critics accused him of putting the works at risk by sealing down the organisation's responsibilities for Kenwood House on Hampstead Heath.

Patrons of Kenwood said that under his leadership English Heritage had neglected the 18th-century building, which has an outstanding Robert Adam interior and one of the nation's most important collections of paintings and furniture.

At their annual meeting, some of the hundreds of Friends of Kenwood urged Sir Jocelyn to reinstate a full-time curator to oversee the display, care and study of a collection that includes Vermeer, Rembrandt and Gainsborough. Sir Jocelyn, who did not attend the meeting yesterday, dismissed the protesters as "troublemakers". He criticised George Levy, a leading antiques dealer who chaired the meeting, and Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, as "people with plenty of spare time" who "have got used to the impression that they run Kenwood".



Stevens: had to cut costs



Stainton: voiced criticism

behave like this." Lindsay Stainton, one of the Friends, said the family of Edward Cecil Guinness, the 1st Earl of Iveagh (1847-1927), who bequeathed the collection to the nation, was "very upset and deeply concerned".

Miss Stainton, a curator at Kenwood in the 1970s, said: "Stevens runs [English Heritage] as a personal fiefdom."

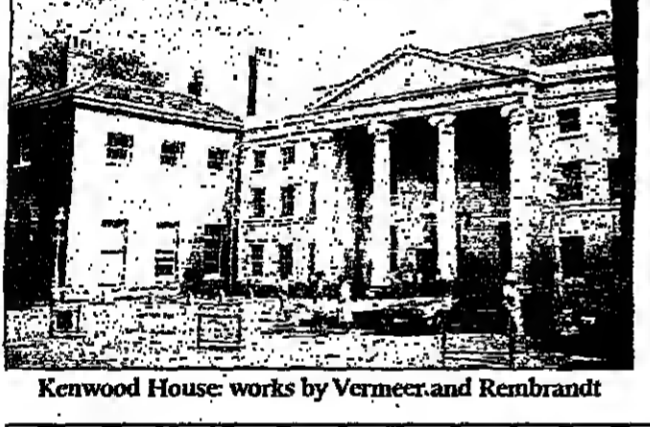
He's the guardian of our heritage... he's not lord and master."

A motion urging the appointment of a permanent curator and expressing concern at room closures was passed unanimously yesterday. The three full-time curators at the house, a popular venue for concerts, were withdrawn last year. One friend complained that the administrator appointed to run the house was a former manager of an old people's home with no expertise in art.

Peter Barber, deputy map librarian at the British Library, said an untrained administrator would not see what a curator saw. Objects that had lasted for hundreds of years were damaged imperceptibly day by day. "We've had a robust response from Jocelyn Stevens. It's right we should give him an equally robust response."

Mr Barber said private collectors felt less inclined to lend their works to Kenwood because English Heritage had downgraded the house's importance as a centre for 18th-century studies. A Rubens and two Panini works had been withdrawn by their lenders, he said. "This is the first step in its decline. In 30 years' time we will find ourselves in the same position as houses in Italy - closed."

Sir Jocelyn sent two members of staff to the meeting, Ian Dejarin, one of English Heritage's curators, who visits Kenwood at least twice a week, explained the withdrawal of the Rubens and Panini loans. He said the owners had wanted to show off the paintings in their newly decorated homes. "What am I to say? No you can't?"



Kenwood House: works by Vermeer and Rembrandt



Mick Adkin training for next Sunday's London Marathon, when he hopes to beat the 2hr 55min he ran in 1984

Crippled runner's marathon task

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A PARAPLEGIC athlete is to take part in the London Marathon on Sunday, 12 years after he was injured in a hit-and-run driver crash.

Mick Adkin, a solicitor from Woking, Surrey, aims to beat the 2hr 55min he recorded in 1984. His running days ended a year later when a hit-and-run driver crashed a stolen car into his touring bicycle in Brittany. Mr Adkin, 44, remembers nothing of the crash. He spent five months in hospital and is now in a wheelchair with no movement below the shoulders.

However he returned to the solicitors firm in Woking, where he is now a partner, and, as a keen sportsman, was determined to enjoy as many aspects of his old life as he could. Although running was gone, he took up skiing. Friends persuaded him to try the marathon so he finally agreed, and he is to raise funds for the International

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Tomorrow: our 12-page guide to the Flora London Marathon. Next week: the complete list of finishers, only in *The Times*.

Spinal Research Trust and Woking Hospice Appeal.

A dozen years on from his last competition, his training routine is much the same. He leaves his car at work, changes into his sporting clothes and dodges the rush-hour traffic until he can cut through into the back roads between New Haw to Woking. The next morning he trains alongside the early morning traffic on his way to the office before changing into his working clothes.

Mr Adkin makes light of the effort but it takes him longer to change and climb into his £1,500 three-wheeled racing model than it does to

complete the journey. "I'm relatively careful and always fully lit up, but most people probably think 'There goes that moron' when I go shooting across the main roads. Whenever the police come up beside me they say, 'Are you completely mad?'"

The reaction is one he has grown used to, and accepts. "To be honest, if I see someone in a wheelchair at the top of a mountain I will look because it's unusual," he said. "You do get all the questions about courage and resilience and it can get repetitive because I have heard them so many times, but most people are very helpful and you tend to have to be an ambassador on all sorts of occasions."

"I'm looking forward to getting on with it. At first I thought there was no way I could even train because of all the potholes, rubbish and cambers on the main road, so I went on to the minor roads. Now I hope to be able to beat my 1984 time. We'll see."



Mr Adkin in 1984

Loyalist gunmen blamed for £1m robbery

BY A STAFF REPORTER

LOYALIST paramilitaries were behind the £1 million-plus Securicor robbery in Belfast, police said last night. One man is being questioned by detectives attempting to trace at least six men involved in one of Northern Ireland's largest armed raids.

The money was due to be delivered to the Post Office but was seized on the outskirts of the city after four members of a family, one of them mentally handicapped and another suffering from respiratory problems, were handcuffed and gagged at their home.

Their relative, a Securicor driver, was told to collect cash from the firm's depot and drive it to the outskirts of Belfast. It is understood that the RUC is attempting to find out if there was any inside help, but Securicor has so far declined to comment.

Three armed men who held the family hostage claimed to be from the IRA, but police said they were satisfied that loyalist paramilitaries, possibly from the Ulster Defence Association, were involved. More than £1 million in used notes and some unsigned credit cards were stolen.

None of those held captive was hurt, but police said some were gagged with adhesive tape and were extremely distressed. They were held for more than four hours in a bedroom of their home in the Protestant Taughmonagh estate of south Belfast. Three armed and hooded men burst in early on Saturday morning.

The Securicor man was handed a map with instructions to go to his depot in the Stranmillis area and drive the cash to Fort Road, Ballylesson. He was accompanied by a colleague and when they arrived they were confronted by three more masked gunmen. The pair were ordered out, taken to outbuildings handcuffed to window frames and bound with pillow cases.

Bags of cash were switched to a red Ford Escort van later found abandoned in the Finaghy area a few miles away and close to where the family had been held captive.

Treasure hunters fight plan for new law

BY TIM JONES

TREASURE hunters will meet National Heritage officials today to try to avert new laws governing their discoveries. The proposals would mean they could be fined up to £5,000 and sentenced to three months in prison if they failed to report a find to a coroner within two weeks.

The current Treasure Trove law says only objects made of gold or silver, which have been deliberately buried with the intention of recovery, can be declared treasure trove and are therefore the property of the Crown. Other finds can be kept by the finder.

The Bill, heading for its third reading in Parliament, will remove the requirement to prove that objects were intentionally buried. All objects, other than coins, which contain at least 5 per cent by weight of gold or silver and are at least 300 years old will be treasure and deemed the property of the Crown.

Coins that are more than 300 years old found in hoards will be treasure and if they contain more than 5 per cent of precious metal. The National Heritage department denies the Bill is hostile to the electronic searchers and says there are no plans to alter the practice under which detectorists who make a treasure trove find are paid the market price.

Reds in a blue funk over lack of eminence in grey

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND PETER BALL

LIFE is tough when you are a Manchester United supporter. You have just shelled out £50 in the souvenir shop at Old Trafford to buy the children the new grey away strip when the players threaten to ditch it because they cannot see each other.

The team under pressure at the top of the Premiership was unexpectedly losing against Southampton, under pressure near the foot of the table, on Saturday when, at half time, manager Alex Ferguson ordered them to switch to a blue and white kit. That they were losing 3-0 had something to do with the fact that they were blending into the background, Ferguson said.

His decision will be welcomed by the club's thousands of teenage and sub-teenage followers: although they loved the two-tone grey as the perfect accompaniment to blue denim jeans, there is promise of yet another new strip on the way. But the news will cause dismay among the fans' parents, who already suffer from United's aggressive marketing policy which involves bringing out a new strip at least once a season. Young Mancunians' desire to be in the front row of fashion means hundreds of thousands of pounds for the club every time there is a change of colours.

The grey strip for away games was introduced at the start of this season, and thou-

sand of fans queued at Old Trafford to buy it. Kids on the block across Greater Manchester would not be seen dead in last year's kit. Suppose, by accident, they encountered a Manchester City supporter: how cruel the taunts would be.

United's amazing Technicolor strips are supplied under a lucrative sponsorship deal with Umbro, the Manchester-based sportswear manufacturer. The club signed a five-year contract with Umbro earlier this year, estimated to be worth £60 million over five years. The grey strip was due to be played in for two years.

Ferguson said yesterday that the team disliked the grey strip, and would not be using it again. "You can't pick people out at a distance. Players just blend into the crowd, so I decided at half-

time to change it." He denied suggestions that his team were superstitious, and felt that grey brought bad luck. United have appeared five times in their grey strip: they lost four of the matches and struggled to draw the fifth.

Ken Ramsden, spokesman for the club, could not say yesterday whether the abandonment of grey would mean yet another edition of strip foisted upon fans. "Nothing has been decided at the moment," Mr Ramsden said.

There were indications yesterday that Umbro at least are receptive to Ferguson's unhappiness, and they are expected to meet United representatives today to discuss the matter. "Of course we will meet them if they want to talk to us," Mr Ramsden said, "but we will not be instigating a meeting."

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All change: Cantona goes from grey to blue stripes

Rush for the BR logo now departing

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of British Rail's "double arrow" logos are being sold off to rail enthusiasts as a memento of the fast-disappearing nationalised company.

With the Government determined to complete the BR sale before the election, the famous emblem has already disappeared from all stations, railway posters, marketing material and the inside of most trains, and will eventually be removed from tickets. However, when *Rail* magazine saved about 1,000 aluminium double arrows from the side of BR's former fleet of post and charter

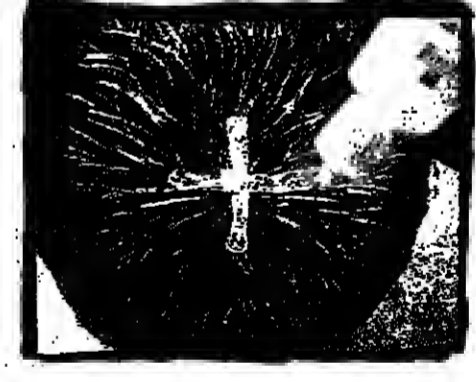
trains, it found a sale offer heavily oversubscribed. Steve Knight, the deputy editor who has two of the metal signs at home, said they had received 1,200 orders for the souvenir, priced at £34.95, with dozens more flooding in every day. A 24-hour credit card hotline has been set up.

Purchasers receive a certificate identifying which locomotive their double arrow came from. The logos, with a scrap value of £5, measure about 70cm by 30cm and weigh 5kg.

North & South Railways, the American-owned company that has bought Rail Express Systems, a former BR subsidiary that operated Post Office and charter trains, has been given 90 days to

BR to remove the double arrow from all its locomotives and stationery. Most of the 16,000 former BR passenger trains sold last September had painted logos rather than a metal sign.

The symbol was invented by George Williams, director of industrial design at BR in the mid-1960s. When it was first revealed in 1964, one newspaper critic said it was like "a piece of twisted barbed wire." But Barry Doe, a transport consultant who has one on his sitting room wall, said: "Despite all the jokes, I believe that it was one of the finest logos ever invented because it is so simple." After privatisation, it will survive on



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Book condemns Macmillan plot Queen's decision to block Butler 'damaged Crown'

By ALAN HAMILTON

COLLUDING with Harold Macmillan to block the succession of R.A. Butler as Prime Minister in 1963 was the highest political misjudgment of the Queen's reign, a new book claims.

Ben Pimlott, professor of politics and contemporary history at Birkbeck College, London, says that, faced with Macmillan's ruthless determination that Butler should not become Conservative leader, despite being the obvious candidate, the Queen took the line of least resistance and allowed herself to be turned into a political pawn. The result was a disaster for what remained of royal discretionary power.

In a biography of the Queen published to mark her seventieth birthday next Sunday, Professor Pimlott argues: "The whole sorry tale of the selection of Macmillan's successor shows how easily the monarch, if he or she forgoes the role of arbiter, can be exploited by unscrupulous politicians with an agenda of their own." Macmillan announced his departure in dramatic fashion, from a hospital bed where he was awaiting a prostate operation. In a reversal of usual practice, the Queen had to travel to see him and to accept his resignation. During

the half-hour farewell meeting which Pimlott describes as "the most remarkable audience in modern monarchical history", Macmillan suggested that the Queen call on the Earl of Home as her next Prime Minister. At the time, the highly regarded Butler was Deputy Prime Minister and the favoured candidate.

Enoch Powell, the veteran parliamentarian, says in the book: "The Queen was a victim of a violation of the Constitution. It is unthinkable that a Prime Minister should say 'Here is my resignation' and then 'Here is my advice'."

Courtiers quoted by Pimlott recall that as soon as the Queen returned from the hospital, she expressed a wish to call on Home. One suggests: "Rab [Butler] was not her cup of tea. When she got the advice to call Alec [Douglas-Home] she thought, 'Thank God. She loved Alec. He was an old friend. They talked about dogs and shooting together. They were both Scottish landowners, the same sort of people, like old school friends.'"

Lord Charteris of Amisfield, then an assistant private secretary to the Queen, recalls her almost-instant desire to summon Home: "It is interesting that she should have felt

such an inclination, without any doubts; for the man she had just spoken to [Macmillan] had no more constitutional authority than any other MP, a point of which she was firmly reminded in the car on the way back to the Palace by Aileen [her private secretary], who stressed that, as the advice was non-constitutional, she did not have to take it."

Professor Pimlott suggests that the wily and Machiavellian Macmillan, raking in the ground for a stop-Butler candidate, happened upon Home for the very reason that he would hold strong personal appeal for the Queen: "Macmillan's motives were complex and devious. The Queen's were, as ever, simple. She wished to avoid constitutional impropriety, and believed that this was to be achieved by taking the line of least resistance."

There was little direct criticism of the Queen at the time; Macmillan was considered the main villain whose advice was hard to refuse. One positive result of the debacle was that it led to a major change in the way the Conservative Party chose its leaders. The Princess Royal would be a more popular monarch than the Prince of Wales, according to a MORI poll on who should succeed the Queen. The Princess won most support with 33 per cent, against 26 per cent for the Prince. Prince William was third in the poll, with 12 per cent. The survey of 2,000 voters for tonight's *World in Action* programme on ITV showed that 62 per cent would vote for the monarchy in a referendum.

□ *The Queen: A Biography of Queen Elizabeth II*, will be published by HarperCollins on 16 September.

Liver girl bounces back after triple transplant

By LIN JENKINS

A GIRL who had a record three liver transplants within a fortnight is celebrating her fourth birthday by launching an appeal for more people to carry donor cards.

Reeva Weeden was given a 2 per cent chance of survival when her condition deteriorated so badly that a third liver transplant was her only chance of life.

At the time of the operations in April 1993 her mother, Kelli Weeden, 26, almost gave up hope. "We never thought we would see her fourth birthday," she said. "She is a dainty girl because of the last year, but I am so grateful she is alive."

Reeva, whose name comes from the Latin for "strength regained", was born with a severe defect of the bile duct. She was jaundiced, suffered acute skin complaints and was on antibiotics for the first weeks of her life. Efforts to repair the duct failed and she was referred to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge for a transplant.

"If she had not had the first transplant she would have died," her mother said. However, she developed complications and had to undergo a second transplant, which also failed. "The doctors thought she would not pull through. She really was very poorly and they discussed whether to give her another chance. There was also a risk of brain damage if she did survive a third transplant. In the end, she is your child and you just want her to live."

Reeva, who lives in Louth, Lincolnshire, with her parents and her sister Khaley, eight, and brother Brent, six, is heading an appeal on behalf of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation for more donors. Alan Rasmussen, the consultant who carried out the surgery, said that for a child to undergo three such operations in two weeks was an extraordinary ordeal.



Reeva Weeden: at one point doctors gave her a 2 per cent chance of survival

NEWS

Body found in sports centre pool

Five people were being questioned by police after a 27-year-old man was found in a swimming pool. The partially clothed body of Stephen Westwood was found after officers were called to a suspected break-in at the Hardwick sports centre in Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, on Saturday. A post-mortem examination and forensic tests were being carried out on Mr Westwood, who lived in the area.

Murder charges

A man will appear in court today charged with murdering twin brothers found in a canal with head injuries. David Dillon, 37, unemployed, of Islington, north London, will appear before Highbury Corner magistrates.

Two accused

Michael Crossley, 34, of Northfleet, Kent, has been charged with the unlawful detention of Michelle Wilson. On the same charge is Steven Playle, 33, of Sidcup, who is also charged with murdering her father, David, in 1992.

Britons killed

Two Britons died when their motorcycle crashed into an oil tanker near New Delhi. Alexander Ayalpar and Lisa Genny, from Birmingham, were returning from visiting Fatehpur Sikri, an abandoned city near Agra.

Reward demand

Gatwick Zoo has received a note demanding a reward of more than £300 for Bruce, a five-year-old South American macaw that flew off after Jemima, its four-year-old companion, was stolen from the zoo.

£3.8m winners

Three tickets won £3.8 million each in the weekend's National Lottery draw. Sixteen tickets matched five numbers, plus the bonus ball to win £221,342 and 933 had five balls to win £2,372.

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Butler, left, and Macmillan: loser and final victor

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New cancer surgery may save 2,500 lives a year

By Derek Prigent and Stephen Farrell

A LIFE-SAVING operation has been approved by the Royal College of Surgeons after years of campaigning by a consultant. It means that victims of rectal cancer may be able to have more specific surgery rather than a "bombing" technique in which organs are said to be removed unnecessarily.

Cancer of the colon and rectum is the second-biggest cancer killer in Britain after lung cancer. Bill Heald estimates that, if all surgeons adopt the technique that he has promoted, about 2,500 lives a year could be saved.

Guidelines approved by the Royal College last week recommend his technique of "total mesorectal excision" in the 8,000 cases a year where cancer strikes in the lower rectum. Two thirds of patients seen by his team at the North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke are cured, against the national average of one third. Mr Heald, 59, has performed the operation for 17 years, refining and demonstrating it to surgeons from Australia, South Africa, the United States and Europe.

Other doctors in specialist centres around Britain also use the procedure, which takes between three and six hours and often avoids the need for

colostomy bags. But many general surgeons still use abdomino-perineal resection, which removes far more surrounding tissue and sacrifices the anal canal, but takes a fraction of the time.

Mr Heald, who was elected vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons at the meeting which approved the procedure, said: "I am delighted the method has received the official stamp of the college."

He argues that medical advances and careful analysis of the cancer make it no longer necessary to remove all the organs and tissue previously extracted. The cancer is usually confined to an area of tissue around the rectum known as the mesorectum, he claims.

"The difference lies entirely in precision. It has always been assumed that the old operation had to be the best because it was the biggest. But you can have less mutilation simply by being very precise," he said.

"Removing the anus and tissues around it is actually irrelevant to the cure of cancer; it is just easier and quicker, but less precise. It is like using a bigger bomb to destroy something rather than removing it more accurately. I think in the early years a lot of people simply didn't believe my data was correct."

Mr Heald has performed 60 operations abroad — in Norway, Sweden, Germany, Italy and Finland — using a £57,000 high-definition Sony back-projection system to allow other surgeons to view from adjacent rooms. A two-day demonstration will be held at the Royal College in London this week for 26 surgeons eager to learn the technique. "It has occupied five years of my life and represents a lot of personal sweat, but it has been very satisfying," he said. "The guidelines must now go before the Department of Health for independent assessment before being approved by the NHS executive."



Laura Jenkins, one of the last to become a registered general nurse, at Guy's

Guy's says farewell to its last trainee nurses

■ The first nurses to train at Guy's learnt only from practical experience; Joanna Bale talks to one who marks the end of an era

THE last nurses to train at Guy's Hospital School of Nursing in London will graduate next month at a commemorative service at Southwark Cathedral.

Laura Jenkins, 23, will be among the last to receive the coveted Guy's School of Nursing graduation badge. When Ms Jenkins joined Guy's School of Nursing in January 1993, she was following in the footsteps of her mother, who trained there in the late 1960s. "I had no idea I would be one of the last Guy's nurses," she said. "It's a great honour, but it really is the end of an era. Guy's nurses are world-renowned."

She will be among the last to receive the registered general nurse qualification. Nursing training has been revolutionised since the school became part of a new training college, the Nightingale Institute, when Guy's merged with St Thomas's Hospital in 1993. Nurses are now trained under Project 2000, which treats them more like students, with the emphasis on theory rather than ward-based experience.

Miss Jenkins said: "I was paid a salary and worked mostly on the wards, with just a few weeks here and there at college. Nursing trainees now get a bursary and spend most of their time at college."

When she became a trainee she was paid £7,000 plus overtime. Now she will receive a salary of £13,000 as a staff nurse at Guy's, where she has been offered a job. She is currently working on a general surgical ward where she works eight-hour shifts, starting at either 7.15am or 1.30pm, and has every weekend off

when the ward shuts. She said: "When you finish your training you have to apply for a job — not everyone has been as lucky as me. Some are still looking."

Like all nurses, she feels under pressure because many trained nurses have been replaced by lesser-qualified health-care assistants. "I wish we had more time to talk to the patients, but it is still a very rewarding career," she said.

Her experience is a far cry from that of Annie Cooper, who joined Guy's School of Nursing during its first year, 1880. When the hospital had opened in 1726, for "incurables", its nurses were untrained and their only uniform was a medalion inscribed with the name of the ward and

their status, worn over their own clothes. They were usually poor, illiterate women who were frequently reprimanded for being drunk and disorderly and for stealing food.

By the time the School of Nursing began things had changed dramatically. Annie Cooper was 23 — the minimum age — when she joined as a trainee nurse.

The food was rough and unappetising and she worked ten-hour day shifts and 12-hour night shifts. Miss Cooper lived with 15 other trainees in a dormitory in the hospital's attic. She took her meals in the basement, a small, airless room.

The nurses at Guy's, as at the other great voluntary hospitals, were divided into two groups, a smaller body of lady-pupils and a larger group of ordinary women, such as Miss Cooper. The lady-pupils paid a considerable fee for a training that was condensed into one year. They lived in the comparative luxury of the Matron's House.

Miss Cooper's training was basic and the nurses could be taught only in the wards because there was nowhere else. Her duties included making swabs and dressings by stitching together pieces of cloth. She also spent much of her time scrubbing the ward floors and washing linen in the sculleries. There were no weekends off or holidays until 1894.



A sister from Guy's at the turn of the century

The subtle shake and rattle that depends on role

WHENEVER I was called out in the early hours to visit someone who was having an attack of the shakes the diagnosis was usually obvious. I went expecting to find either that the person had a rapidly developing fever and was suffering from rigors, or had been subjected to a severe shock that had left them shaking uncontrollably.

Subtle shakes, which can be pointers to disease or a sign of a hard-drinking — even dissolute — life, are a greater test of a doctor's skills. Two scientists, Dr Geoffrey Walsh of

Edinburgh University and Dr Martin Lake of Birmingham University, have developed a tremorometer, a microchip which is held in the hand and can define a shake more expertly than a doctor or barman. The results of their research were presented last week at the Edinburgh International Science Festival.

Doctors classify a tremor according to its speed, the part of the body involved, its nature (whether coarse or fine) and whether it is more obvious when the patient is relaxing (arresting tremor), or



active (an intention tremor). Many diseases, including Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, Wilson's disease, and thyrotoxicosis, have characteristic tremors. An unfair assumption is that anyone with shaking hands is recovering from a heavy night's drinking. Excessive alcohol

can produce a shake the following day but it is not the only drug that can be to blame. Patients on some anti-depressants, for instance, develop such a marked shake that their cups rattle in their saucers when they hold them. Alcohol produces several different sorts of shake. The

fine tremor follows too good a party; *delirium tremens*, a terrified trembling accompanied by hallucinations, is triggered when a heavy drinker gives up alcohol too quickly, and there is the coarse tremor of liver failure — flapping hands and a tongue which flickers in and out like a viper.

The tremorometer has been used to study physiologic tremors, the slight shake which many people display when tense or anxious and which can be enhanced by anything which increases

these emotions, and the benign hereditary tremor. Fortunately the tremorometer has confirmed the clinical observation that a stiff drink lessens this particular shake — less cheering is the news that so do beta blockers.

Physiologic tremors are common in anxiety-making professions such as journalism and medicine — a perfect excuse for medicals correspondent with a fine shake.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Woman to bear her own grandchild

By Lin Jenkins

A WOMAN aged 51 who is pregnant after an embryo implant is believed to be the first in Britain to bear her own grandchild.

Edith Jones offered to act as surrogate when medical tests confirmed that her daughter had been born without a womb. Mrs Jones said yesterday: "I am absolute-

ly thrilled. It is early days yet but, God willing, the baby, or maybe even babies, will go full term."

She is carrying an embryo created from eggs taken from her daughter, Suzanne Langston, and fertilised in a laboratory with sperm from her son-in-law, Christopher. Two embryos were implanted three weeks ago at the BMI Park Hospital in Nottingham. A scan in a few weeks' time

will show whether she is having twins. Mrs Jones, of Darlington, Co Durham, said: "This is the only way Suzanne can have a child. This baby will not be mine. It is genetically Suzanne and Christopher's. All I am doing is lending them my body for nine months."

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Young offenders to get taste of life in the glasshouse

By MICHAEL EVANS
REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE

THIRTY-TWO young offenders are to be selected for a sentence of military discipline, including square-bashing and shoe-polishing, in the armed services' glasshouse. Forces staff will receive training to "sensitise" them to deal with civilians.

Details of the plan to send young criminals to join the 300 Army, Royal Navy and RAF offenders at the Colchester Military Corrective Training Centre in Essex will be announced on Wednesday by Ann Widdecombe, the Prisons Minister, and Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister.

The Government has decided to push ahead with the one-year experiment from October, despite concern over the legal implications of placing civilian offenders under military law. The Home Office

THE REGIME

06.00	Reveille
06.30	Roll call
07.00	Breakfast
08.40	Parade, followed by ordered activities
13.00	Lunch
14.15	Parade, activities
18.45	Tea
18.30	Parade, activities
19.45	Supper
20.00	Lock-up, followed by final roll call
21.00	Lights out

and Ministry of Defence have come up with a combination that will subject the offenders to a military regime under a civilian governor.

There will be no regular fraternising with service offenders, except when they share education classes and other ordered activities. "The aim is to keep them segregated, but not apart," one MoD source said. Eight four-man

bedrooms are being prepared for the civilians, in a central block that was originally intended for female offenders from the services. They will go to another separated block.

The civilian offenders will have to wear military fatigues but not uniforms, and there will be no rank structures. They will be expected to keep their shoes polished and trousers pressed, although not necessarily to service standards.

The regime will include incentives for behaving well. The first phase of the glasshouse sentence will be the harshest, with no luxuries. Phase two will allow some television watching — but only in black and white — and restricted communal periods. Under the final phase, those who have behaved well can watch colour television and walk around the barrack blocks on their own.

The tri-service Colchester corrective training centre has a military commandant, currently Lieutenant Colonel Glen Grant. He will have a civilian counterpart. The staff overseeing the civilian offenders will be a mixture of military and civilian. The military element will consist of one officer and half-a-dozen sergeants.

Before being selected for the glasshouse, the young civilian offenders will be assessed to make sure they are psychologically suited for a military regime. Colchester is seen by the services as harsh but fair. Civilian offenders will have to make constructive use of their time, including education classes and farm work.

The experiment will be financed by the Prison Service. The Colchester centre was rebuilt in the 1980s and became the sole glasshouse for all three services last year. Its capacity is being increased from 212 to 325. The Prison Service is to open a boot camp for 60 young men aged 18-21 at Thorn Cross Young Offender Institution near Warrington in September. They will spend 26 weeks doing daily drill, learning skills such as literacy, personal hygiene, and finance, and working for charities.



Each home on the estate will be built with its own hangar. The runway of the wartime airfield, below, will be at the heart of the estate



Airpark offers departure from the des res

By ALEXANDRA WILLIAMS

PARKING spaces for aircraft will be provided alongside homes on an executive housing estate approved by councillors in rural Somerset. The scheme will allow residents to fly directly from their homes to business meetings.

The estate will be at a former wartime airfield in Henstridge. Home-owners will pay £1,000 a year to use the 800-metre runway. Flying will be restricted to between 6am and 10pm.

The airpark idea came from the United States, where there are more than 500. The largest, Spruce Creek in Florida, has 900 homes costing from about £50,000 to £1.5 million. One-acre plots at Henstridge will cost £100,000 and fam-

ilies will pay from about £200,000 to have their home and hangar built. A similar scheme in Shropshire was dropped because of local objections.

The project has attracted interest from aerial photographers, engineers, accountants and aircraft dealers. There are 7,709 privately owned aircraft registered by the Civil Aviation Authority.

South Somerset District Council has approved the plans, subject to agreement on flight times, numbers and landscaping. The site owner, Kedgeworth, is awaiting a decision from John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. "The application is close to Mr Gummer's desk so a decision is imminent," a spokesman said. Kedgeworth, a family firm, bought the airfield ten years ago when more space was needed for its earthmoving business. "Delays at Heathrow will be a thing of the past for these businessmen," Keith Pierson, of the company, said. "They will be able to leave their front door, step into their aircraft and be in the air within minutes. We are ready to start work and we are feeling confident. The noise survey



Keith Pierson: scheme is based on American idea

was successful, it would create employment and an alternative means of travel which would have less environmental impact."

John Shaw, area planning manager for South Somerset District Council, said: "We are mindful to approve it. We argue that it conforms to the structure plan and that the community will benefit." Kedgeworth says 400 jobs may be created.

Reaction in neighbouring villages on the Somerset-Dorset border is divided. Henry Best, Somerset chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "No one wants noise exactly, but we would sooner see development on derelict land than green fields. Any anxiety is fear of the unknown."

Armed guards may patrol 'super jail'

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

ARMED guards would patrol the perimeter of Britain's first super-secure jail under proposals drawn up by the Prison Service.

Officials have also outlined plans to arm prison officers at a jail holding the country's most dangerous criminals with pepper-spray sprays. The plans will be outlined on Wednesday when the Prisons Board debates a report into a fortress-style prison that will cost about £55 million.

Sir David Ramsbotham, the new Chief Inspector of Prisons, has already said that arming prison staff would destroy the relationship between them and inmates.

The proposals have been put forward as a way of reducing the multimillion-pound costs of a such a jail. A senior prison service source said last night: "The service has come up with the idea of putting armed guards on the outside of the jail or providing

pepper sprays to staff inside as a way of cutting costs. They think these measures would allow lower staffing levels inside the jail."

Sir John Learmont recommended a super-secure prison to hold 300 dangerous prisoners and another to take 200 psychotic and volatile inmates at a capital cost of £121 million in his report on prison security published last year.

The Prison Service set up a small team to consider the report. It is understood they favour building one super-secure jail to hold high-risk and volatile inmates.

The number of women in prison has risen by 57 per cent in the past four years, almost double the rate for men, which rose by 29 per cent. Many of the 2,125 women prisoners in England and Wales are serving sentences for non-violent crimes and are first-time offenders, according to the Penal Affairs Consortium.

St George loses out to traffic

By LIN JENKINS

ENGLAND'S main celebration to mark St George's Day has been cancelled. Hundreds of cadets were to have paraded with a band in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in honour of those who died for their country.

The ceremony would have meant closing Whitehall to traffic. Instead, only a handful of people will weave in and out of the buses and cars to place a wreath at the monument in the middle of the road after the Metropolitan Police decided that roadworks on Westminster Bridge prevented them from closing Whitehall. Nearly 500 youngsters including sea, air and

army cadets and the St John Ambulance drill squad were to have taken part in the ceremony. David Odell, general secretary of the Royal Society of St George, said: "As a society we are attempting to promote the Englishness of being English people. The ceremony was to preserve the memory of those who inspired us in the past and remind people of those who served the country well."

He said that the society lamented the lack of any formal marking of St-George's Day. While the heritage industry, with its themed sites and interactive attractions, might remember the day, that amounted to "Disney history", Mr Odell said.

Abortions rose by 9% after Pill health scare

MORE than 800 extra abortions were carried out by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service in the wake of last year's scare over the safety of some contraceptive Pills.

Most of the 9.5 per cent rise between last December and February was believed to be a result of women stopping using the Pill because of the health alert. The BPAS said 41 per cent stopped taking the

Pill immediately and 61 per cent did not finish their current course.

The figures were based on a survey of 28 of the charity's clinics shortly after the Committee on Safety of Medicines warned of greater risk of deep-vein thrombosis from the "third-generation" Pill. The BPAS performs about 18 per cent of legal abortions in England and Wales.

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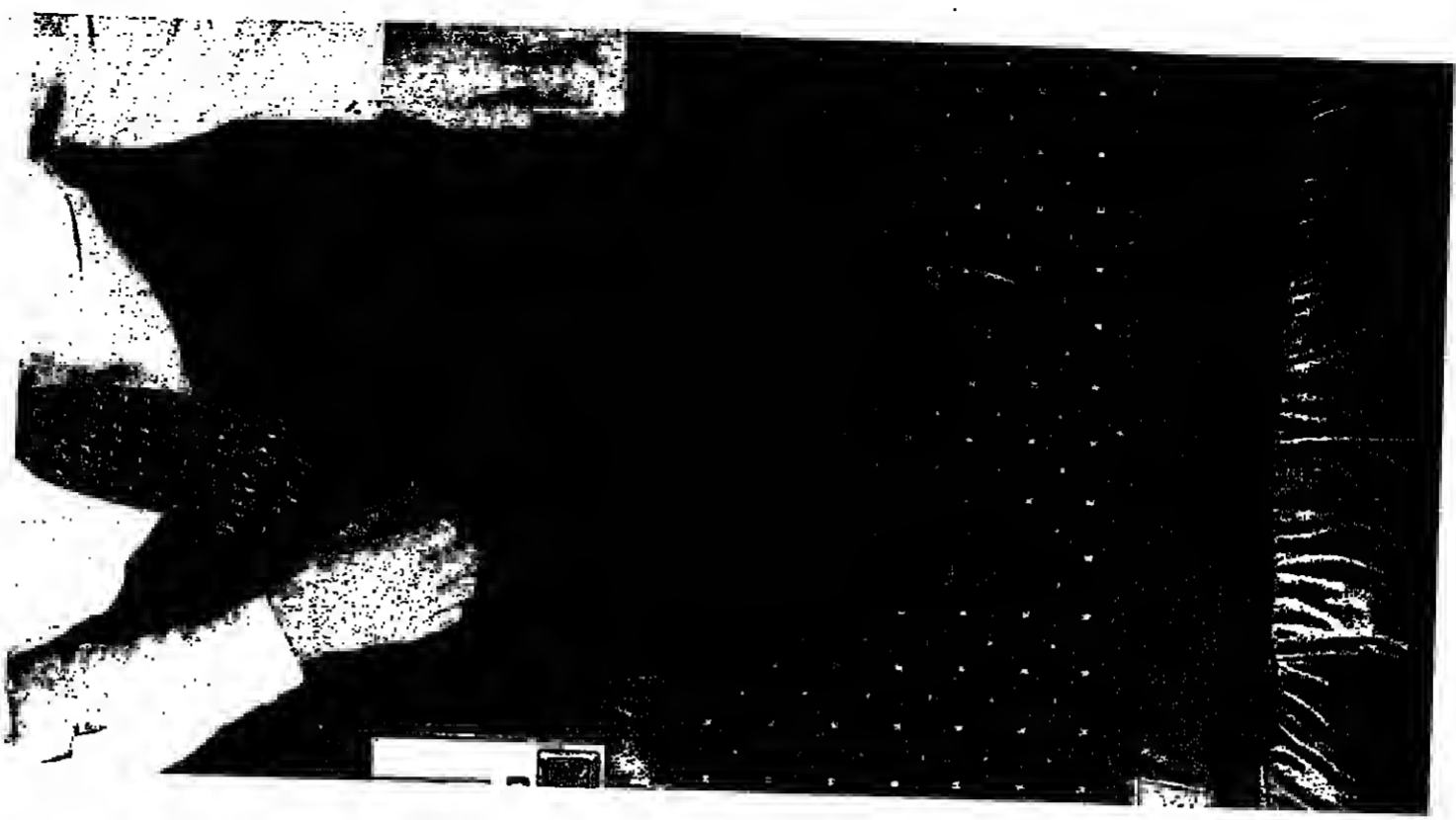
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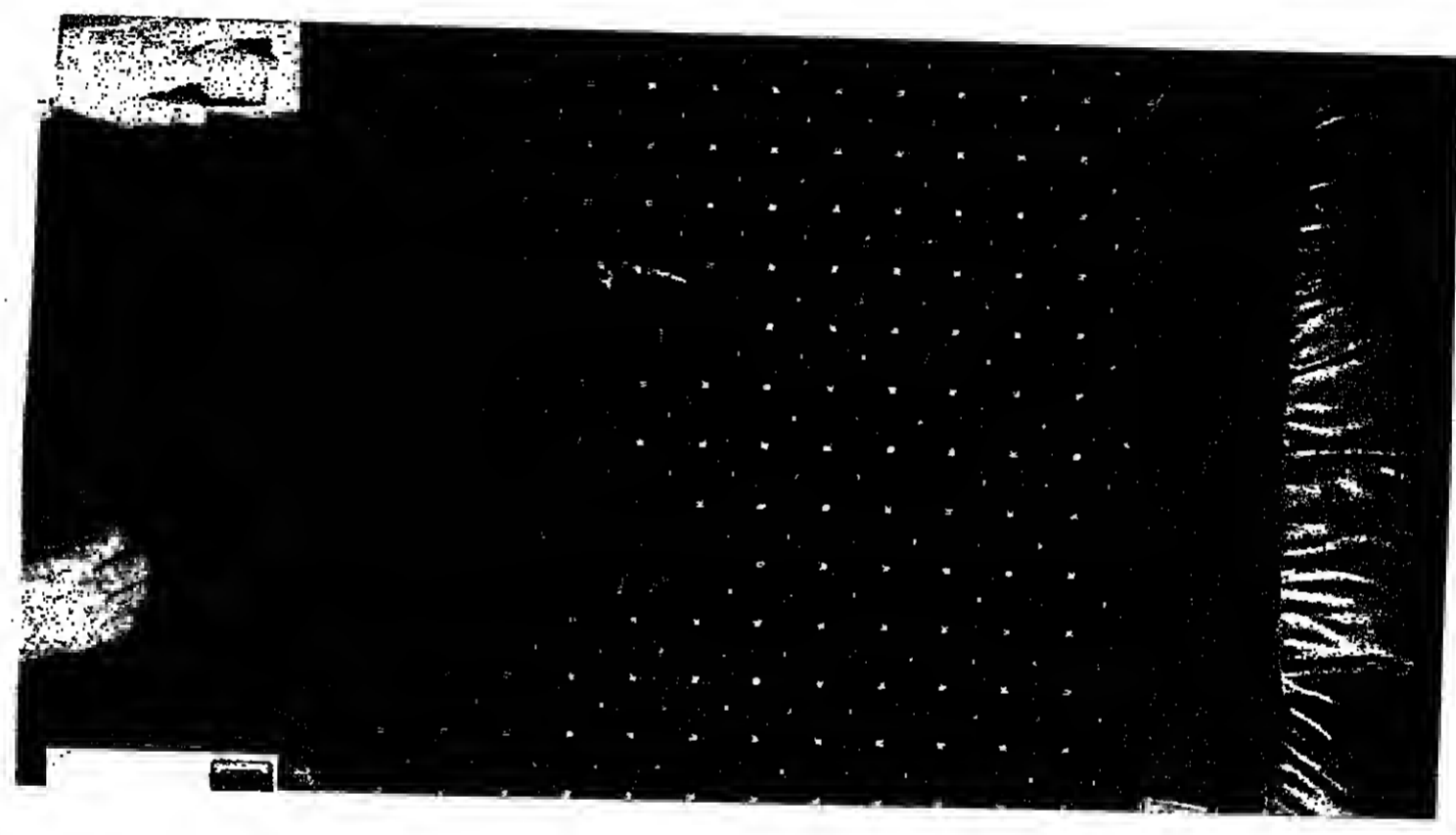
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Shops locked in legal dispute over 'first and only' claim for delicacy that began as a cook's blunder

Bakewell pudding maker fights for just desserts

BY KATE ALDERSON

IT IS the food said to have sustained Jane Austen when she was writing *Pride and Prejudice* and is the subject currently sustaining much debate in Bakewell. The issue is, whence the pudding?

Bakewell pudding, commonly and mistakenly referred to as the Bakewell tart, has found its butter, almond, egg and sugar recipe at the centre of a legal dispute that may end up in Brussels. Baker is set against baker in the Derbyshire town, where 12,000 puddings are sold each week. Bloomers Original Bakewell Pudding Shop and The Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop both claim that they alone make the "original" pudding from an authentic secret recipe.

Marian Wright, owner of Bloomers, put up signs last year claiming to be the "first and only" maker of original Bakewell pudding. The Old Original asked her to remove the words. She refused. Her



Oven-ready at Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop

rival has now taken her to court. The case was due to be heard in court three weeks ago but was postponed. Kevin Gannon, manager of The Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop, said: "She claims Bloomers to be the 'first and only'. It is not." His shop had a recipe from the 1860s. When asked if it mattered who had the original recipe, he paused and breathed deeply: "It matters to us."

Ms Wright bought Bloom-

ers, along with its goodwill and what she claims to be the original pudding recipe, from the Bloomer family a year ago. She sells a wide range of foods as well as the pudding. The sign outside reads: "The first and only: Bloomers Original Bakewell Pudding. Established 1889. Connoisseurs Home Bakers." She said: "In my view I'm doing nothing wrong. Bloomers have had the original recipe in their family for four generations. The

other shop has picked on the wrong lady."

Ms Wright has hired a barrister and also intends to get a European Commission ruling on the pudding. Brussels can authorise a "protected designation of origin notice", which would not stop others from making a pudding with another recipe, but could prevent them from calling it a Bakewell pudding.

The question of who, if anyone, has the original pudding recipe causes great debate in the town. It is agreed that the recipe dates back to the mid-1800s when a cook at the White Horse, now the Rutland Arms, made a mistake with her cooking and produced the Bakewell pudding. Customers at the Wheatsheaf pub, in the centre of Bakewell, demonstrated the heat of the conflict.

George Pearson, 55, a landscaper, was adamant about who had the original recipe. "I'm telling you that John Bloomer has the original recipe," he said, wagging his



Marion Wright with her Bakewells, said to be cooked from the original recipe

finger at a friend. "Bloomer is the only one. It came from the Rutland and ended up with Bloomers."

Carl Holmes, 35, a former cook, shook his head: "I believe The Original Pudding Shop has the recipe, and only the cooks who make the

pudding know what the secret ingredient is. To be honest, does it really matter? I don't even like Bakewell pudding."

Helen Lamb owns the Bakewell Pudding Parlour, which also makes the puddings. She does not claim to possess a paper copy of the

original recipe, but employs a cook who used to work at The Old Original Pudding Shop: "He brought the recipe with him and we call our puddings 'traditional'. There's room for everyone to make puddings in this town. Let the customer choose."

And this is how Mrs Beeton made it

This is Mrs Beeton's original recipe for Bakewell Pudding, from her book *Modern Housewife Cookery* in 1861.

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SAS men guard rare birds' eggs

BY TIM JONES

A DETACHMENT of SAS troops have dug themselves into an ancient oak forest in mid-Wales to protect one of Britain's rarest birds of prey from egg collectors.

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Once common throughout the land, red kites — which have a 5ft wingspan — became extinct in England and Scotland in 1880 but managed to cling on in the depths of Wales. Although they are making a comeback, the birds are still threatened and their eggs highly sought by illegal collectors prepared to take extreme risks to attain them.

The SAS men are guarding the sites as part of their training, using infra-red security devices developed during the Gulf War. They are equipped with night-vision sights and have surrounded the nesting trees with pressure pads that set off alarms if anyone steps on them.

If they apprehend any poacher, they will establish their identities and pass on details to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. To

Williams of the RSPB said: "It is fantastic to know the kites have such protection. It frees our officers for other work."

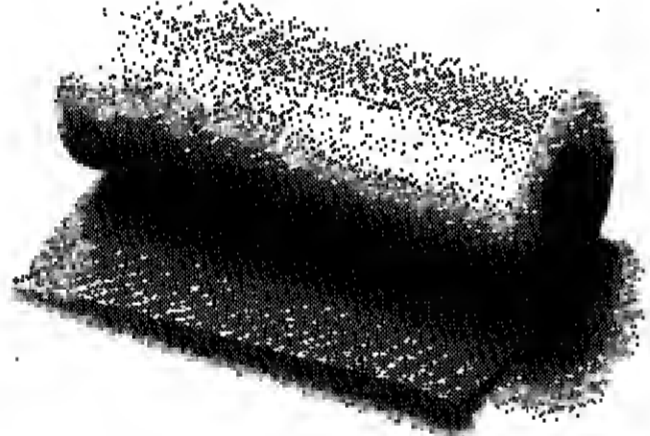
Mr Williams that, said despite maximum fines of £5,000 for each rare egg stolen, the law was not tough enough. "The law must be changed to enable collectors to be given community service sentences and stiffer penalties."

"The extraordinary thing is that the eggs have no value on the open market. The collectors' behaviour appears to be one of total obsession. They appear to gain a sense of security by having as complete a collection as possible."



The kite comeback

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Richard Dawkins

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Chaired by Sir John Maddox, the former editor of *Nature*, the forum will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 (concessions £7.50), which include £3 off the price of Professor Dawkins's book, are available by phoning 0171-915 6613, by faxing the coupon below on 0171-915 6611, or by sending the coupon and your remittance to Dillons, 82 Gower Street, London WC1E 6EQ, where tickets can also be purchased.

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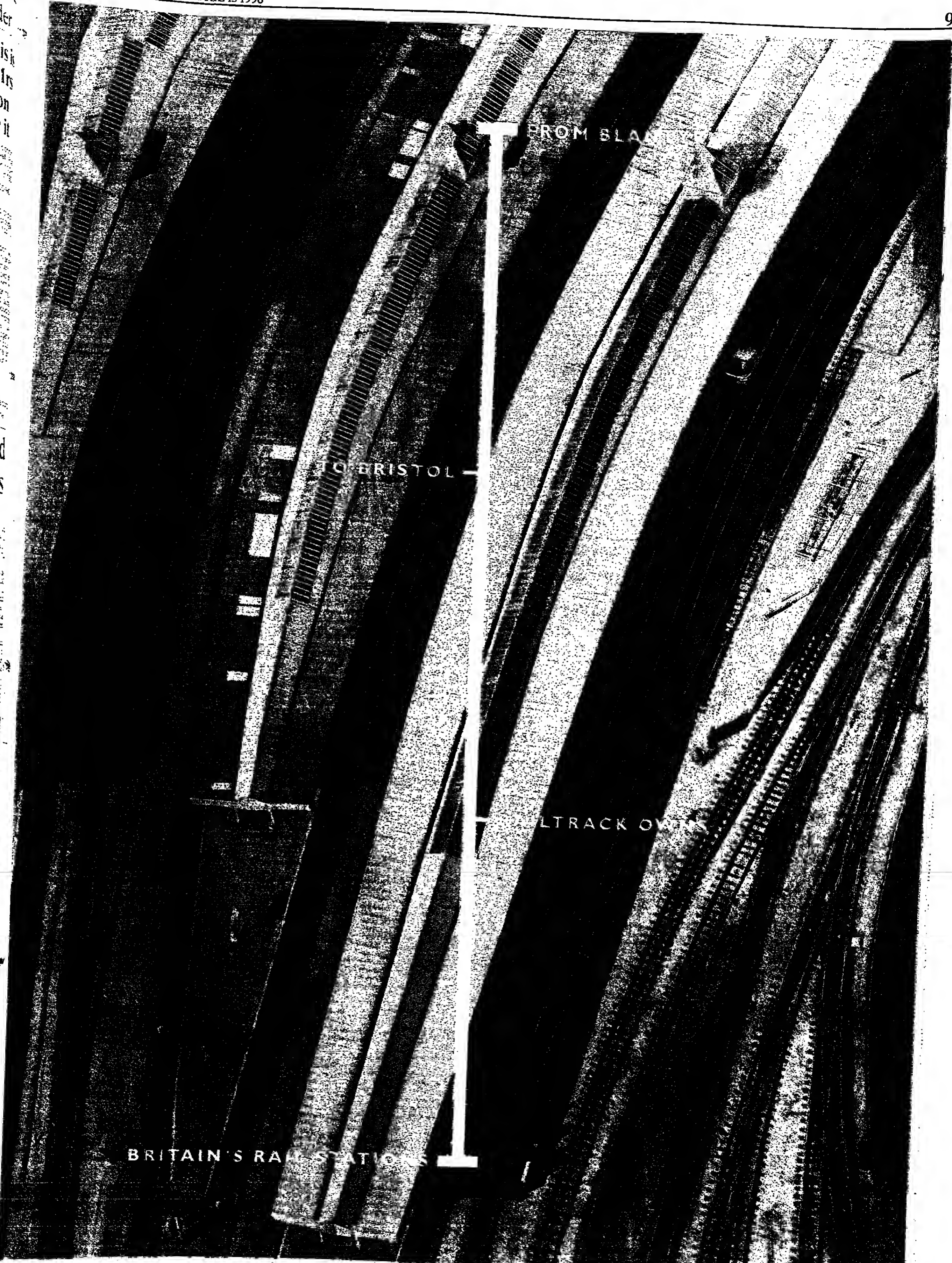
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'Israel started this. Shimon Peres is using the flesh and blood of our people to win his election'

Attacks drive refugees into Hezbollah's arms

GROUPS of Lebanese refugees, some livid with rage, others numb and dazed, sat on the grass outside Sidon's chaotic town hall listening to a tiny radio detailing the "criminal attacks of the evil Zionists" on the towns and villages they had abandoned in fear a few hours earlier.



Michael Theodoulou in Sidon joins the terrified and angry refugees forced north by the Israeli ultimatum to leave their homes in Tyre

Here no one blamed Hezbollah for their misery. Israel's latest blitz was once again in danger of serving only to glorify Hezbollah as the sole organisation willing and able to challenge the region's superpower. "When the Israelis fire rockets on our children, we must respond," said Khaled Hussein, whose niece, Huda, ten, was one of four girls killed when an Israeli helicopter fired a rocket into an ambulance crammed with refugees on Saturday. "It was clearly marked as a village ambulance," he said, speaking softly, still in shock. "The bodies are in Tyre hospital and we cannot bury them because the Israelis are attacking the city." Photographs of the bodies of the four children and two women, carried on the front pages of Lebanese newspapers and broadcast on local television, caused a deep sense of revulsion and outrage.

from Tyre, his grey-stubbled jaw quivering with anger, said: "It is a massacre." Four children clutched at his shabby jacket. "What is their future? We have nothing to eat and nowhere to go," he said, clutching at a set of worry beads. "The only people who do not like Hezbollah now are Britain and America."

The fourth consecutive day of Israeli air raids spawned another exodus of refugees after Israel gave the 200,000 inhabitants of the ancient port city of Tyre an ultimatum to leave their homes. A similar number had already fled other towns and villages across a broad swath of southern Lebanon.

The coastal road north of Tyre was a swollen river of refugees. Many fled within minutes of last night's Israeli warning of renewed attacks. Buses, pick-up trucks and battered Mercedes taxis overflowed with people and their belongings. Groups of Lebanese Army soldiers manned

anti-aircraft guns along the road. Inside Sidon's town hall, where the local authorities were arranging shelter for more refugees in schools and mosques, Bilal Qasim Salih, six, lay expressionless on a foam mattress, his right arm in a sling. It was braced in two places by shrapnel from an Israeli helicopter attack on Saturday.

Lebanese Government, which has been spending millions of pounds rebuilding the capital shattered by 15 years of civil war that ended in 1990.

Until last week Beirut had been cocooned from the war of attrition in the south. Now its revival as the Middle East's cultural and financial centre is imperilled and the people despondent. Foreign investment is threatened and the authorities are once again burdened with a humanitarian crisis.

The Government, dismayed by Washington's fulsome support of Israel and a lack of effective Arab backing, feels powerless to halt the worsening cycle of violence. "Alone, Lebanon faces the indifference of the world," a Lebanese newspaper commented. Damascus and Beirut say Hezbollah has every right to fight Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon, although Rafiq Hariri, the Prime Minister, says that if Israel withdraws he will guarantee the security of its northern border.

The message from Hezbollah, riding a crest of popularity, was bellicose and uncompromising. It vowed to unleash its "human bomb battalions" and said it would keep lobbing Katyusha rockets across the border.



Smoke rises from the south Lebanon town of Nabatiyeh, which was hit twice by Israeli jets yesterday

Militants rain rockets on Galilee ghost town

FROM ROSS DUNN IN KIRYAT SHMONA

SOLDIERS and a lone journalist were the only passengers on the last bus yesterday heading for towns along Israel's northern border with Lebanon.

More than half of the 22,000 residents have deserted the Galilee town of Kiryat Shmona, which was hit three times yesterday by rockets fired by Hezbollah guerrillas from southern Lebanon. The town is effectively under Israeli military rule and shortly before 6pm loudspeakers announced that all remaining residents should head for bomb shelters. When the announcement ceased an eerie silence descended over the town, where only a couple of cafés remain open for the patronage of Israeli soldiers. Aaron Levin, originally

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is sad that this happens. Sometimes it is fate... and sometimes it is staged." Mr Levin said Hezbollah had provoked the Israeli military campaign by its own attacks on towns such as Kiryat Shmona. He said the Islamic fundamentalist organisation was attempting to derail the peace process. Mr David Rosenbaum, a bank worker, said he was unmoved by the news that the Israeli strikes had killed innocent civilians in Lebanon including those travelling inside an ambulance. "We told the people in every possible communication to evacuate South Lebanon," he said. "The responsibility is in their own hands."

Mr Rosenbaum was one of only two staff members at the branch yesterday which was ordered closed by the military authorities. His duties now are to ensure that the automatic teller machine is full. Asked whether he was scared by renewed threats by Hezbollah, Mr Rosenbaum replied: "I was born in Israel. I am used to this kind of living." □ Amman: Leila Khaled, who hijacked an American airliner in 1969, was barred by Israel from entering the West Bank. She had planned to attend a debate on ending the Palestine National Council's call for the destruction of the Jewish state. (Reuters)

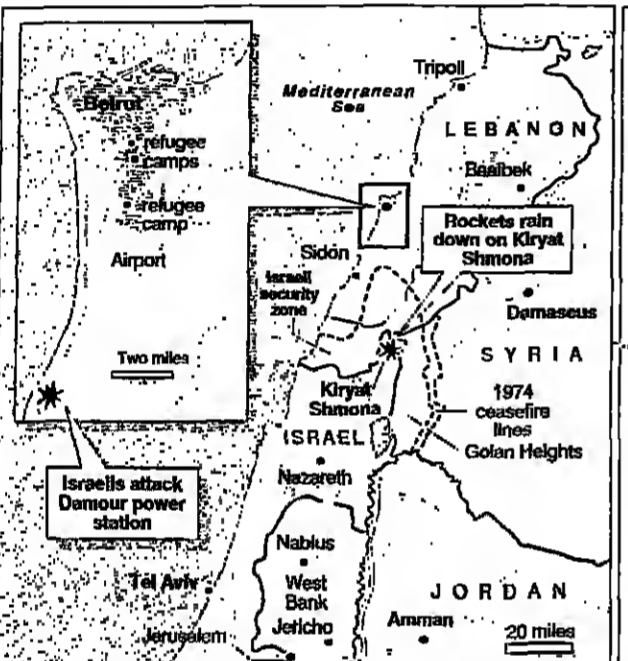
Security blackout on 'British bomber'

BY MICHAEL DYNES

ISRAEL imposed an indefinite ban yesterday on the publication of details about the identity of a bomb-maker with a British passport who appears to have blown himself up during an explosion in his Jerusalem hotel on Friday.

A Jerusalem magistrates' court issued the order prohibiting the disclosure of any details about the investigation concerning the injured man, his name, or the documents found in his possession. A British passport issued in the name of Andrew Newman was found among the effects of the bomber. The authorities are still trying to establish whether the suspect is the passport's legitimate owner.

One rumour in Israeli diplomatic circles last night was that the bomber may be a British Jew who was in intent on blowing up the Muslim Holy Places, including the Al Aqsa mosque. The bomber was seriously injured when the device he was thought to be making exploded in the Hotel Lawrence, a down-market hotel in east Jerusalem.



Katyusha rocket system: Hezbollah fighters launched random salvos of rockets from points across southern Lebanon hitting Kiryat Shmona and other targets

Bell AH-1 Cobra: the American-built helicopter gunship has been used to attack villages in Lebanon including the weekend incident when an ambulance was hit

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Peres's military options limited by ties with US

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ISRAEL'S military options in fighting its old enemy, the Hezbollah terrorist organisation in Lebanon, are limited unless it is prepared to risk damaging the Middle East peace process and its strategic relationship with the US.

There are serious political implications whenever Israel takes military action against its neighbours. However, any further encroachment on Lebanese sovereign territory could begin to unravel the web of peace deals which in recent years have helped to create a more stable region.

Extending the security zone in southern Lebanon would raise similar political objections. The zone which runs from 7-12 miles wide east to west across Israel's northern border was set up to try to prevent Palestine Liberation Organisation units from launching Katyusha rocket attacks on kibbutz communities in the area.

The zone is patrolled by the Israeli-trained and equipped South Lebanese Army, but since the zone was set up, the proxy Israeli force has failed to stop attacks by Hezbollah, who have replaced the PLO in threatening Israel's northern border. Francis Tusa, a Middle East expert, said it would be perfectly feasible militarily for Israel to extend the security zone, but, again, Washington and Israel's peace treaty partners, Egypt and Jordan, would object.

The third option, an operation to clear out all Hezbollah units from southern Lebanon, appears to be the only realistic one for Israel. But even this military venture can only be short-lived, for fear of irreparably damaging relations in the whole region.

It may be in the political interests of Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, to demonstrate a hawkish approach in the lead-up to next month's general election, but a prolonged "sweep and clear" operation could have the same damaging consequences in the region.

Two potential military options would seem both unrealistic and politically dangerous. The first would be a full-scale invasion of Lebanon, a repeat of Operation Peace in Galilee in 1982. The second would be an attempt to extend the security zone established by the Israelis in southern Lebanon in 1985 to provide security for Israel's northern border.

A full invasion would be militarily and politically disastrous. It is inconceivable that Washington — upon whose political support and military equipment Israel relies — would allow another invasion of Lebanon. The repercussions would be damaging for President Clinton, who has devoted much of his foreign policy efforts towards building a more comprehensive Middle East peace strategy.

An invasion would stretch Israel militarily, and the risks would be even greater than in 1982 because Israeli forces would find themselves confronting a strong Syrian military presence in Lebanon, currently standing at about 30,000 troops.

Israel cannot contemplate a military conflict with Syria at a time when it is hoping to complete a comprehensive Middle East peace package by signing an agreement with the Syrians. Already, Israeli Apache helicopters armed with Hellfire missiles have "inadvertently" hit a Syrian anti-aircraft battery.

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Clinton looks for electoral pay-off from world tour

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton left Washington last night for a week-long trip that will take him round the world and, aides hope, boost his stature at home before November's presidential election.

Mr Clinton will visit South Korea and Japan, where he will emphasise America's commitment to the region's security in the face of recent Chinese and North Korean threats, and Russia, where he will seek to enhance prospects while attending an international summit on the control of nuclear materials.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said. In the meantime, Bob Dole, Mr Clinton's Republican opponent in November, has postponed a speech on Asia next Monday because he cannot decide what to say. He and fellow Republicans differ on whether to emphasise China's poor human rights record, thus making it harder to renew China's preferential trading status. Mr Dole has supported Taiwanese membership of the United Nations, but some of his political advisers are warning him against an open break with America's long-standing "One China" policy.

Tokyo offer on Korea

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE Japanese Government is likely to offer civilian airports and harbours to help American forces during any crisis in Korea when President Clinton meets Ruytaro Hashimoto tomorrow.

With the end of the Cold War the alliance is no longer aimed at deterring the Soviet Union. But as the Pentagon confirmed in a study last year, bases in Japan are vital to America's forward deployment strategy, which allows a quick response to conflicts in the region stretching from East Asia to the Gulf. It described the relationship with Japan as the "linchpin" of America's security policy in Asia.

alliance and made them more receptive to American pressure to share the defence burden. The end of the Cold War the alliance is no longer aimed at deterring the Soviet Union. But as the Pentagon confirmed in a study last year, bases in Japan are vital to America's forward deployment strategy, which allows a quick response to conflicts in the region stretching from East Asia to the Gulf. It described the relationship with Japan as the "linchpin" of America's security policy in Asia.



Cindy Crawford, the American supermodel, attends an Easter service in Yelokhovskiy Cathedral, Moscow, where appearing in church is fashionable with politicians (Richard Beeston writes). President Yeltsin yesterday took his re-election campaign to the half-built Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and received the blessing of Patriarch Aleksii, head of the Orthodox Church. The cathedral, which was destroyed by Stalin, stands as a reminder of communist brutality and the votes of the faithful could be crucial for the Russian leader in the race for the Kremlin.

A fashionable place to be

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Shot mugger sues vigilante for \$50m damages

FROM QUENTIN LETTIS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK is again debating the actions of a white man who defended himself against four young black youths by producing a gun and riddling them with bullets.

also succeeded in getting Mr Goetz to boast that, after shooting Mr Cabey for the first time, he said "you don't look too bad - here's another" before pulling the trigger a second time.

Mr Goetz, speaking in a steady manner, said that he was "set off" by the smile and shiny eyes of one of the youths. The jury of blacks and Hispanics heard him confirm that he once said that the "only way to clean up these streets is to get rid of the niggers and the spics". That allowed Mr Kuby to say later, in front of the press, that "this guy comes across as a real Nazi".

"I was trying to get as many of them as I could," said Mr Goetz, whose habit of leaning back in his chair after speaking into the microphone accentuated the impression of self-satisfaction. With his pinched face, wire-framed spectacles and white, open-necked shirt, he came across as a cold man.

The right wing has long held Mr Goetz as a man to admire, but the manner of his delivery has made him a less potent symbol for middle-class fear in an uncertain world. He said that he used hollow bullets to cause as much damage as possible and smirked when he recounted a previous time he pulled his gun on a would-be mugger. The man, who had previously been full of menace, "turned grey and his legs buckled".

Woman who says Mike Tyson bit her fears 'death threats'

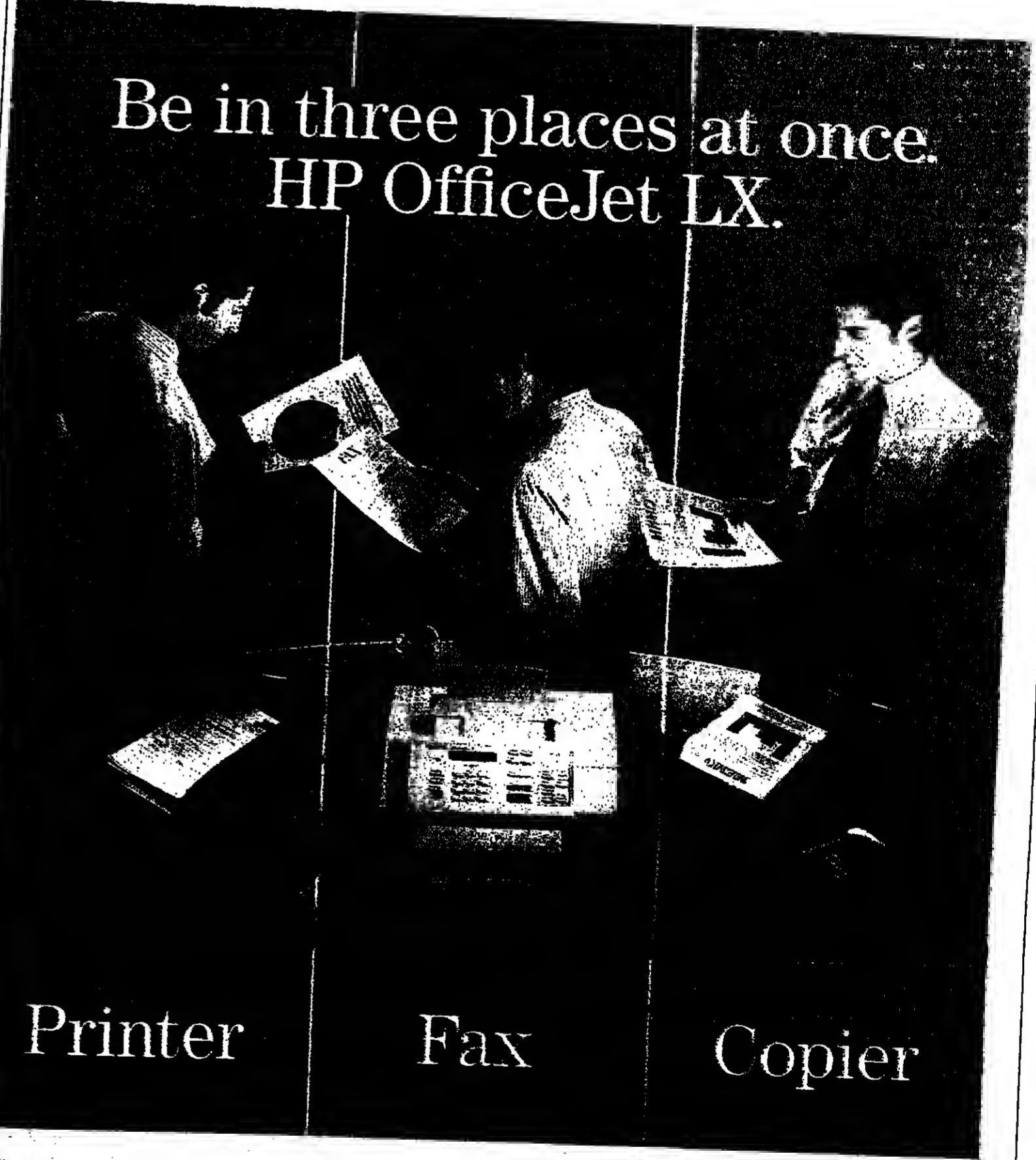
BY QUENTIN LETTIS

CHICAGO police hope to interview today a beautician who claims that she was bitten on the face by Mike Tyson, the boxer.

indications are that she will be available tomorrow. Mrs August's lawyer said that her failure to attend a planned meeting with the police was caused by her fear of attack.

after seeing her on the dance floor. Mr Tyson's friends say that nothing untoward happened and have painted Mrs August as an opportunist who was keen to meet the celebrated boxer.

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Six die in blast at Imran Khan cancer hospital

FROM ZAFID HUSSAIN IN LAHORE

A POWERFUL bomb yesterday devastated a charitable cancer hospital in Lahore founded by Imran Khan, the former Pakistani cricketer, killing six people and wounding at least 25. The attack may have been meant as a warning to Mr Khan to stay out of politics.

The bomb went off in an air-conditioning duct close to a waiting area at Shaikad Khanum memorial hospital, named after Mr Khan's mother, who died of cancer. The reception area, chemotherapy ward and part of the cafeteria were destroyed. Several vehicles parked outside were damaged, and pieces of broken glass were scattered around. More than 150 patients were in the lounge when the explosion occurred. A 12-year-old boy and two other patients were killed on the spot. The others died later. The wounded, many of them critical, were taken to a state-run city hospital.

Officials of a bomb disposal squad said they had yet to determine the cause of the explosion.

Mr Khan, who had been expected to announce in a day or two that he is forming a political party in a bid to become Prime Minister, said

that the explosion was intended to intimidate him. "It was the work of a savage or an animal because human beings cannot do such a thing to a hospital. The bombing cannot discourage me from the work I am doing."

Mr Khan said the hospital would continue functioning. He has called for an investigation. According to one estimate, millions of pounds worth of hospital equipment was destroyed.

Mr Khan's wife, Jemima, the Goldsmith heiress, was to fly to Pakistan from London last night. A spokesman for Mrs Khan, who converted to Islam before her marriage last summer, said: "Jemima is obviously devastated. It has been a tragic day for the hospital and she's making every effort to get back to Lahore as quickly as possible."

The multimillion-pound Shaikad Khanum hospital was opened last year and took almost ten years to complete. The cost of building the hospital was met through donations personally collected by Mr Khan. The hospital, the most modern in Pakistan, treats more than 8,000 cancer patients a year.

Mr Khan was planning to launch his own political party to oppose the Government of Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister. Miss Bhutto cut short a visit to Peshawar to fly to Lahore and visit the hospital. She denounced the bombing, which she blamed on unspecified "terrorists".

Mr Khan has emerged as the main critic of the Bhutto Government. But his accusation of corruption against the Prime Minister and her Cabinet members resulted in the Government banning his hospital advertisement campaign on state-controlled television and stopping him from collecting donations. Mr Khan has accused the Government of harassing him by sending notices for allegedly evading taxes.

In February he invited the Princess of Wales to visit his hospital and attend a fund-raising dinner. The visit fuelled political controversy and led to an intensified attack on Mr Khan by the Government's supporters. Speculation about his ambitions has been gaining momentum since November, when he and his wife rode around Lahore in a cavalcade. The ostensible aim was to raise money for the hospital, but commentators said it seemed more like a political rally.



Aftermath of the blast at the Shaikad Khanum cancer hospital in which six died

Serb aid held up by Karadzic survival

FROM REUTERS IN BRUSSELS

AID donors, led by the United States, increased pressure on Bosnian Serb hardliners at the weekend when they pledged more than \$1.2 billion (£800 million) for Bosnia, but said that little would go to the Serbs while their war leaders remained in office.

Sanctions, such as withholding economic aid, may be applied to any faction breaking the terms of the Dayton peace accord, which includes the banning from office and handing over of indicted war criminals such as Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and Ratko Mladic, his army chief.

"We all agree that it is imperative that they not remain in power," Lawrence Summers, the Deputy US Treasury Secretary, told reporters at the end of the 50-nation aid conference on Bosnia. "The big losers at this conference are the Bosnian Serb people."

Carl Bildt, the international community's leading representative in Bosnia, gave a warning of more sanctions if the two men were allowed to remain in power much longer.

Contrary to early assurances that most of the money — expected to reach \$5.1 billion over the next four years — would be run through the international institutions in order to ensure impartiality, each donor country can pick the reconstruction projects it wants to contribute to. Diplomats said that this meant the bulk of the reconstruction money would go to the Muslim-Croat Federation, at least until the Bosnian Serbs had dropped their present leaders. □ Sarajevo: Haris Silajdzic, the former Bosnian Prime Minister, announced the formation of a new political party and his candidacy for President at the weekend. The New Party for Bosnia-Herzegovina, with its ticket of Muslim, Serb and Croat candidates, is promoting a multi-ethnic Bosnia.

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Liberian pullout cut back

Washington: The Pentagon began to scale back its hazardous evacuation operation in Liberia yesterday (Martin Fletcher writes). At the same time a brief ceasefire collapsed and Monrovia, the capital, was swept by renewed looting and violence.

About 1,700 foreigners, including several Britons, have been rescued by US helicopters since the operation began in the war-torn city. Those evacuated to Sierra Leone include UN personnel.

Editor with Aids virus resigns

Washington: Andrew Sullivan, 32, the young British editor of America's *New Republic* magazine, has resigned and disclosed he is HIV-positive (Martin Fletcher writes). He told his staff he has had the Aids virus for nearly three years but remains healthy. He was resigning because five years as editor was enough.

Chechenia exit by Russians begins

Moscow: Russian forces are expected to begin a partial withdrawal from Chechenia today in advance of peace negotiations (Richard Beeston writes). But Lieutenant-General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, the Russian commander, made clear that they would be redeployed "if the situation gets more complicated".

New Dole aide forced to resign

Washington: Just days after announcing that she was joining Bob Dole's presidential campaign, Mary Matalin, the wife of James Carville, one of President Clinton's top campaign strategists, has been forced out by a barrage of Republican criticism (Martin Fletcher writes).

Tutu truth-seekers ready to unlock dark secrets of past

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

ON THE stroke of 9am today, the city hall in East London, in South Africa, will fall silent as Archbishop Desmond Tutu bows his head in prayer to mark the opening of Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings which in the weeks ahead will catapult South Africa into a painful, potentially divisive expose of its bloody past.

Two years after democratic elections closed the door on more than four decades of brutal political

repression, the biggest commission of its kind ever constituted is poised to unlock apartheid's dark secrets. Over the next 18 months, with an optional six-month extension, Archbishop Tutu, the commission chairman, and his 16 multiracial commissioners face the task of guiding the nation along the path of reconciliation by confronting, exposing and, they hope, exorcising the past.

The purpose of the commission, according to legislation, is to establish "as complete a picture as possible" of the nature, causes and extent of gross violations of human

rights in the period between March 1960, when 69 black protesters in Sharpeville, south of Johannesburg, were shot dead by the police, until December 1993, when a democratic constitution was in place.

Those who come forward to confess politically motivated crimes will be granted amnesty from prosecution. The commission will provide counselling and decide on reparations for victims.

The theory is that victims will be soothed and their oppressors suitably humiliated and then the country can stride forward in harmony.

However, many South Africans are sceptical. The commission has run into stiff opposition from both ANC opponents and victims.

Archbishop Tutu's commissioners, who have powers of subpoena, are backed by investigative units and can authorise them to break into public buildings and homes.

The family of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader who died in police custody, is opposed to amnesty and wants people who committed crimes to be prosecuted. Last week the Bikos and three other families launched a constitutional

court case to suspend hearings, but their challenge has scant chance of success and Archbishop Tutu has expressed his dismay at the move, saying: "We have the support of the vast majority of [the] people."

□ Ramaphosa quits: Cyril Ramaphosa, the African National Congress secretary-general who is widely tipped as a future South African President, has announced he is leaving parliament for a senior post in a black business conglomerate. He is only 43 and it would be foolhardy to assume that his move rules out a political comeback.

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OPERA The great British diva Josephine Barstow sings Medea with Opera North in Leeds



MUSICALS Elvis - The Musical, with P.J. Proby, goes on stage at the Prince of Wales Theatre



POP Sonic Youth, the pioneers of the post-punk era, blast their stuff in the Forum

Stephanie Billen talks to Terry Gilliam about his new film, and about the art of getting what you want in Tinseltown

How to succeed in monkey business

The ominous slogan on the posters for Terry Gilliam's latest film, Twelve Monkeys - "Heed the warning" - could equally well apply to the director himself...



Terry Gilliam, former Monty Python animator and Hollywood enfant terrible, enjoys humiliating his actors - "I do my bit to keep their feet on the ground"

I love leaving things loose enough that things can happen

putting him in a body bag... a Shakespearean actor acting in a sack - an impudence akin to making Robert De Niro act with a bag on his head in Brazil.

of the paradox. Is the world hostile or are we just paranoid? "Hope springs eternal that it's just paranoia, but it reflects a confusion I feel."

leine Stowe's blonde wig in Twelve Monkeys. In the script she puts on a black one, but because Madeleine is dark, it had to be blonde.

shoot it. In fact, we ended up with a really good shot, not out of pure creative impulse but my perversity.

Gallery, where it is being screened behind a huge bank of filing cabinets. Invisibly, in other words, intriguingly, some of the filing cabinet drawers open to reveal tangled telephones or audience response cards.

Ego out of control

POP Natalie Merchant Empire, W12

at the audience, there was no disguising her lack of charisma. Nor was any amount of sincerity and integrity enough to compensate for the missing spark of excitement that was the besetting vice

this drab affair. Her choice of cover versions, including songs made famous by Peggy Lee, Dusty Springfield, Nina Simone and Bobbie Gentry, underlined how far short of the standards of those great singers she fell.

Despite the apparent modesty of her demeanour, there was evidence of an ego spiralling out of control when Merchant commandeered a piano and embarked on a long sequence of unaccompanied and unhearsed "encores".

DAVID SINCLAIR

A woman of no impotence

HYLDA BAKER, the minute North Country comedienne who made it big with The Good Old Days, died ten years ago. She is probably most remembered for her impossibly elastic insult-mouthing lips: for her catchphrase "She knows y'know"; and for her croaky, broad Lancashire voice with that ringe of camp.

Today, Baker is being re-embodied in a show written and performed at the West Yorkshire Playhouse by Jean Fergusson

THEATRE She Knows, You Know Leeds



Dwarfed by props, Jean Fergusson recreates the life of variety trouper Hylda Baker in She Knows, You Know

er fondly, although she was famously difficult. Here, her bark is worse than her bite. Her snappiness is always laced with humour. Meanwhile, by smoothly blending Baker's variety acts and her ever-quipping offstage person-

KATE BASSETT

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Harrison Birtwistle with Jocelyn Herbert's mask for the 1986 staging of Mask of Orpheus

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fully shaped. All combined powerfully in the finale's throbbing passages and organ-like sonorities... Fresh from accompanying a clutch of concertos in the Young Musician of the Year final...

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JOHN ALLISON

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A survivor's guide to work

When five-year-old Sam grows up he wants to be a farmer. But the chances are he will be cultivating crops in a test tube rather than in the fields. Indeed, Sam will be fortunate to have a job at all, according to a leading economic forecaster, Jeremy Rifkin.

In his latest book, *The End of Work*, Rifkin argues that we are fast approaching a workerless world as increasingly sophisticated computers take over much of the labour performed by humans. In this brave new world of automation only a few people will be fortunate enough to enjoy paid employment.

Some of the greatest changes will occur in agriculture. The next 20 years should see the first fully-automated farm — where tasks from feeding the cattle to choosing when to harvest are performed by computerised equipment.

And by early next century chemical companies may have removed farming from the soil altogether. Instead, foodstuffs will be created in the laboratory. This means hundreds of millions of farmers across the globe face the prospect of being eliminated from the economic system.

Mr Rifkin, who is the president of the Foundation of Economic Trends in Washington, also has a pretty gloomy prognosis for other industries. He predicts that within the next 50 years, machines will replace human labour in the manufacturing and service sectors as well.

While robots will move onto the factory floor, so computers

THE FUTURE OF WORK



● Revolution in the workplace

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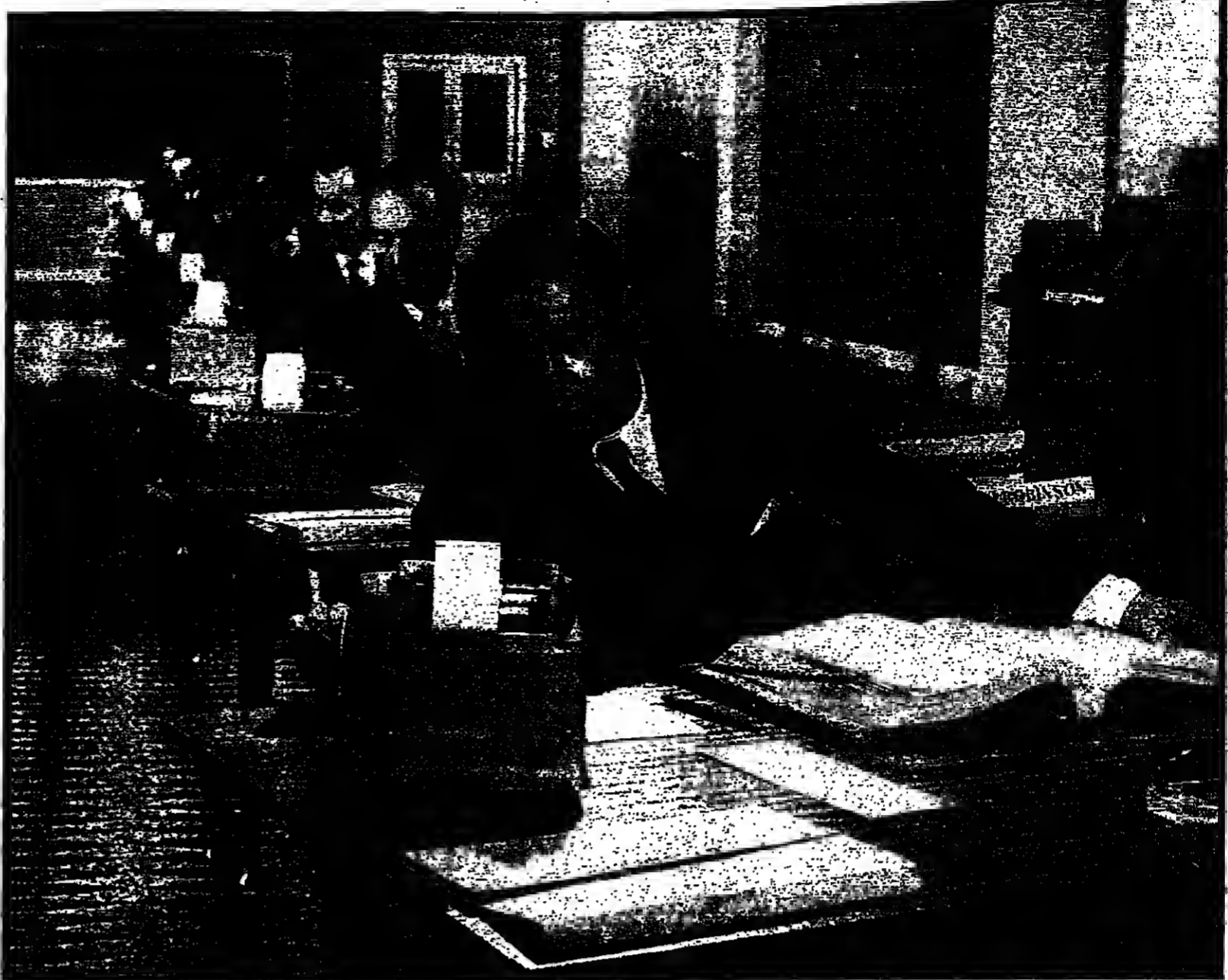
● What future for our children?

options does this leave the student? Many analysts agree with Mr Rifkin's predictions about a shrinking blue-collar workforce. However, they also believe that the service sector will continue to grow. This in turn will absorb the unemployed created by the shrinkage in manufacturing and agriculture.

According to Professor Keith Sisson, the director of the Industrial Relations Research Unit at Warwick University, one of the big growth areas will be in the care sector — in particular, the care of the elderly. Those involved in the establishment and running of residential homes should be looking at a future that is bright.

Mr Rifkin does acknowledge that some professions will survive this computer revolution, and indeed prosper from it. The key is their ability to use state-of-the-art software to process and control information, and the list includes research scientists, design engineers, civil engineers, software analysts, biotechnology processors, public relations specialists, lawyers, investment bankers, management consultants, financial and tax consultants, architects, marketing specialists, film producers and editors, art directors, publishers, writers, editors and journalists.

But even if you do not accept Mr Rifkin's grim predictions, there is little doubt that to survive in the job market in the future, employees are going to have to be flexible. "With the disappearance of the job-for-life people will need to learn skills that can be adapt-



Desk-bound drudgery: repetitive jobs like Tony Hancock's in *The Rebel* are disappearing fast — but the end result may be massive unemployment

ed to wherever they work," says Professor Sisson.

So where does this leave today's students facing difficult career choices, or the anxious parents of even younger children like Sam? "The first priority should still be to do something that you would thoroughly enjoy, and not necessarily something that would end in a career," says Professor Sisson. "The other priority is to get some training in a general subject like management sciences, or a couple of years with a big company.

"Of course there will still be occupations where you will need specific skills — doctors, lawyers and the like — but unless you have a burning ambition for these, you would be better trying to get some good work experience. The important thing is that you learn skills that can be adapted to the field you are in."

JUSTINE HANCOCK
 • *The End of Work*, by Jeremy Rifkin, is published by Tarcher/Putnam (£19.99).

A fit environment

LIFE IN THE OFFICE

Last century, fewer than one in a hundred people worked in an office. Today, most of the working population spend their day surrounded by filing cabinets, moaning about the coffee machine and trying to find the paperclip.

Office life is a 20th-century phenomenon, but, according to a new book, many of us are working in inefficient, unhealthy environments that are not remotely cost-effective, leading to grumpy staff and equally gloomy profits. Judith Verity, co-author of *Eleven Steps to a User-Friendly Office*, says that sensible ergonomics can make the office both a cheerful and profitable place.

"In the past, a building used to be about status rather than whether it was the best building for the people inside," says Ms Verity. "Now we are realising that you need to make the office more helpful for the people who work there."

The authors spent years interviewing office staff and management to find out their grievances. Interestingly, the chief complaint was not about chaotic computers and erratic filing systems but about feelings of isolation and a lack of say in how their workspace was organised.

"Many people feel trapped at work," explains Ms Verity. "Technology has taken over from people and we have retreated from it rather than using it to improve our working life, and to make us more effective. You need to make staff feel, for example, that where they are sitting was where they would have chosen to sit."

In one open-plan office staff had been given partitions which they could put up around themselves. "Most people created little walls around their workspace, boxing themselves in. But as the weeks passed, the partitions gradually came down until they were totally removed. The point is that the staff needed to know they were there, but that they had made the decision not to use them. It made them feel they were given a choice," Ms Verity says.

Some basic questions that anyone setting up an office should ask are whether staff have the right tools they need to do the job and are comfortable throughout the day. Are the lighting and temperature right? Is the stationery readily

available? Computers and desk layouts aside, peripheral items can be the lifeblood of an office. At a large telecommunications company, the coffee machine was removed at a time when the department was buzzing with rumours of redundancies.

Staff who had previously traded gossip around the coffee machine retreated into their kettles and teabags and morale visibly sagged. Only after a man-

around the desks are not only ornamental but are good at soaking up toxins such as formaldehyde from the air.

Health and safety are also highlighted. "There are certain basic things any office manager can do to make sure the office is relatively healthy. Bad air circulation, overcrowding, irritating noises and poor temperature control all contribute to a bad atmosphere and more sick days."

Ultimately, the authors recommend flexibility. "With all their changes in working patterns, a user-friendly office needn't be a traditional office."



The ultimate in peaceful offices: working outdoors

agement consultant visited the office was the solution found. "He said: 'Bring back the coffee machine. The coffee's awful but it was doing much more than supplying drinks,'" Ms Verity says.

She also offers tips on establishing an environmentally-friendly office: re-using envelopes, getting rid of disposable cups and stopping junk mail. And spider plants and creeping ivy dotted

Ms Verity says. "An office can be a place where staff check in only once a fortnight, and spend the rest of the time working from home or teleworking. The key is that it needs to be somewhere they feel safe and relaxed."

KATHRYN KNIGHT
 • *Eleven Steps to a User-Friendly Office* by Judith Verity and Ian Elliot Shircore is published by Bloomsbury in May.

Rewarding high-flyers could be a costly error

Winner takes toll

THE Irish elk, which grew antlers 12ft across, has something in common with today's top earners, according to an economist from Princeton University. Professor Robert Frank believes that the huge rewards now available to the top people in almost every field are a similar example of evolution gone awry, rewarding a few with disproportionate pay packets and sending the wrong signals to the rest.

Professor Frank, the co-author of a book published last year, *The Winner-Take-All Society*, told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that technological change is partly to blame. When we can all hear Luciano Pavarotti in stereo, lesser talents tend to be ignored; it costs just as much to make a record by a second-ranker as it does to record Pavarotti.

This trend, long visible in entertainment and sport, has now spread to industry, the City, the law and even medicine. Professor Frank said that since 1973, the top 1 per cent of wage earners in America had captured more than 40 per cent of all economic growth, and the chief executives of large companies now earned more than 220 times as much as the average worker, compared with 40 times in the 1960s.

The attraction of these lucrative jobs was tempting graduates to pursue "top positions in law, finance, consulting and other overcrowded arenas, in the process forsaking



SCIENCE BRIEFING
 Nigel Hawkes

careers in engineering, manufacturing and teaching. In which an infusion of additional talent would yield greater benefit to society", he says. "As the rich get richer, more and more individuals are drawn into the pursuit of a limited number of superstar positions."

Simple greed is one reason for huge salaries, he said, but not the only one. Technology has allowed talented people to extend their reach, through better communications and transport. If you are rich and dying, and only the best doctor in the world can save your life, he can demand his own price.

The same applies to financial advisers for companies threatened by a takeover. In that case, only success matters, so huge fees will be paid to those who can deliver it.

In conventional labour markets, you might pay half as much for somebody who would do the job half as well. But that does not apply in these winner-take-all markets. Does the emergence of superstars in so many fields matter? It irritates the rest of us, unless we happen to belong to the elect. But to Professor Frank it has more damaging effects, because it sends the wrong signals.

"People are pathologically inclined to overrate themselves," he says. "So they all think they are going to reach the top. All we ever hear about are the successful ones — the many more failures are out of view. If the rewards were less spectacular, then maybe people wouldn't join the queue to earn them."

FEW societies are divided so rigidly as that of the honeybee. The queens lay millions of eggs, while the workers rear them. This rigid hierarchy is maintained by chemicals produced by the queen's mandibular gland. But workers also produce

Queen bees in hive society

very similar compounds — so what exactly makes a worker, and what a queen? In a recent issue of *Science*, a team from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and the US Department of Agriculture has

teased out the differences. The results show that both types synthesise their compounds, which are fatty acids, from the same starting point, stearic acid. But the queen's acid passes through an oxidation procedure which neither workers nor young virgin queens can manage. The result is a subtly different compound with very different effects.



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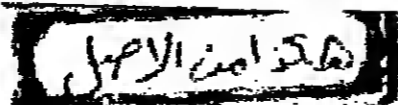
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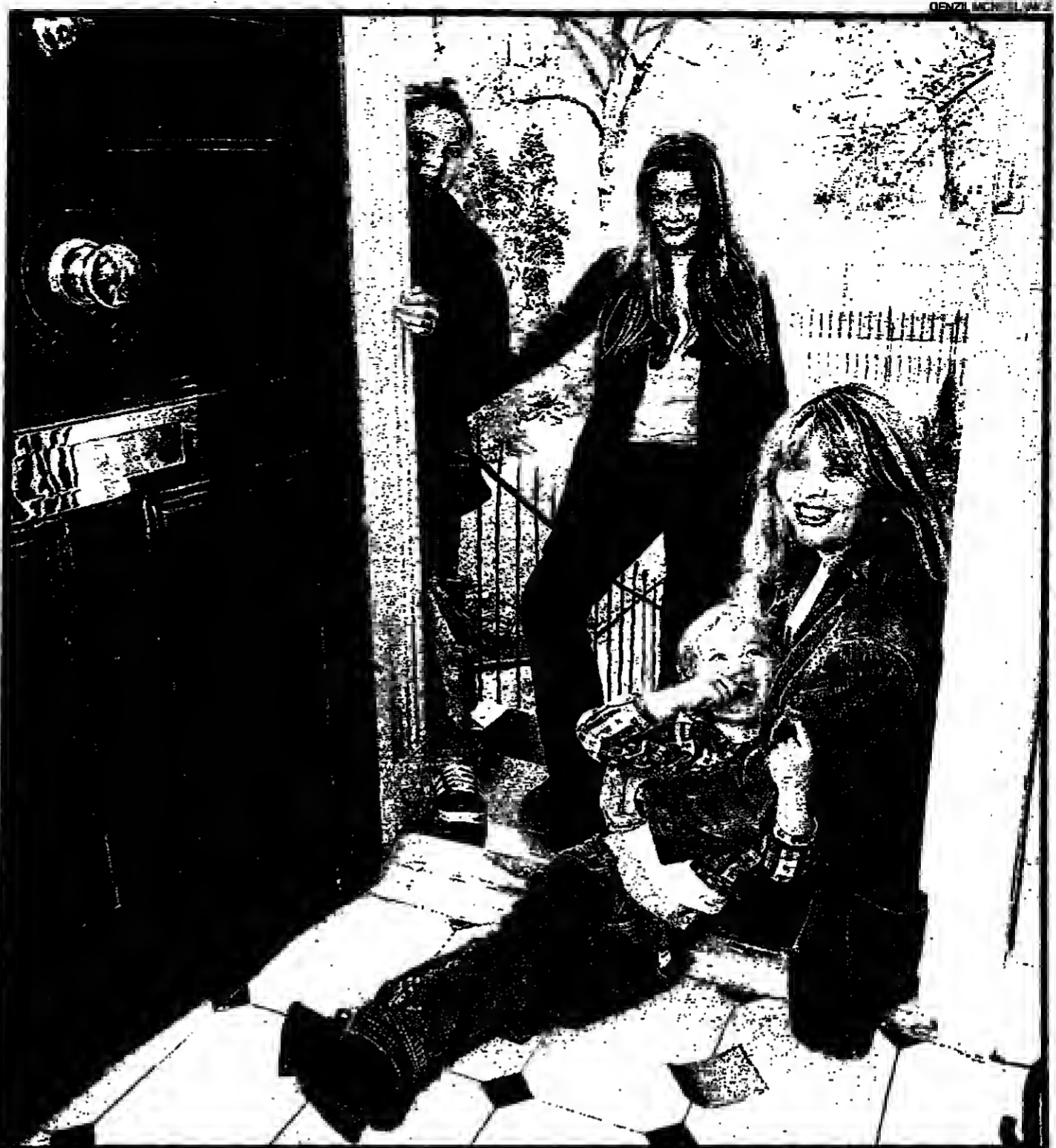
THE CAREER-BALANCING ACT

It is the middle of my working day. My four-year-old son is sitting at my feet playing with his toys as the CD on my computer pumps out *The Runaway Train* (his favourite). Downstairs in the basement kitchen our lunch is cooking. Upstairs, I can hear the muffled sounds of my elder daughter squealing on the phone to a friend and the rhythmic thumps of my younger daughter practising her gym routine. Outside the window of my office, I can see the daffodils breaking through the earth in the otherwise barren, toy-strewn garden.

The only visible perk is that I can work in pyjamas

All this probably sounds more idyllic than it is because the game my son is playing is *Go, Go, Power Rangers*, which involves him being the saviour of the universe and me being the evil alien Goldar. I comfort myself, as I abandon work for the fourth time this morning and chase him screaming into the hall, that at least nowadays we are friends. And perhaps as important I am my own friend too.

Three years ago this week, I gave up full-time employment. My life until then had been like a very expensive television advertisement for that most Eighties of concepts, "having it all". Nannies, Marks & Spencer ready meals, three cars (this, mine and the nanny's), Nicole Farhi suits, takeaway suppers, 12-hour working days, overseas working trips, health club workouts, client dinners and, at the very end of my daily schedule, brief moments of quality time snatched with my children.



Jane Gordon swapped status, Marks & Spencer meals and designer suits for home cooking and quality time with her family

It was only when I reached an awkward impasse in my career that it even occurred to me that my life lacked balance. But when I finally left my job, slinking home with wounded pride and a redundancy cheque, I began to see the madness of my previous life.

Why we all need a proper role

WHEN Peter took early retirement from the advertising agency he got a shock. Even though at 54 he was sick of office politics, and had looked forward eagerly to getting out, when the time came he felt like a non-person.

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Are you sick of your job?

HOW TO TAKE CONTROL

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Reluctant commuters on the Tube

high-status, middle-class job. If you answered "No" to most of them, then you are probably in a relatively low-status job, and are more likely to suffer a wide range of illnesses, because feelings of powerlessness depress the immune system and disrupt the cardiovascular system.

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By ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Blaydon Races are back on track again. Newcastle United, coming through an hour of suppressed tension at St James' Park yesterday, laid siege to Aston Villa's goalmouth, finally burst through, via Peter Beardsley's dramatic dash down the right and Les Ferdinand's uncompromising downward header, and so capitalised on Manchester United's slip at Southampton. They won for the sixteenth time in 17 games in their own fortress and to share this reprieve with them was like seeing blood throbbing back into the corpse that was their hope of becoming champions of England again after 69 years.

Thus the FA Carling Premiership is becoming an exhausting race not merely of the fittest, but of which famous United possesses the nerve and the courage to prove themselves worthy champions. "The secret I have just discovered," Kevin Keegan said moments after yesterday's close victory, "is to play badly and win."

"Certainly, Manchester United's defeat at Southampton [who visit Tyneside on Wednesday night] gave us a tremendous lift, but then you looked at the table, you realised we had to win both of our games in hand and, this close to the end of the season, you realised that that is anything

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but easy. We gutted our way past Villa this time and I can only say that my lads had to show tremendous character to come through the tension and the fear that it is no longer any use trying to pretend it isn't there.

"David Batty has been nothing short of sensational since he walked into this club and I thought he led by example against an Aston Villa team which dominated us for long periods and which, let me tell you, are going to be there for the big prizes next season."

As ever, Keegan's honesty shines through. He is right to admit that his team were taut to the point of frozen with fear beneath a slate grey Newcastle sky, but, when the turning point came, it was down to management as well as the heart and soul of the players in their black and white stripes. For Keegan, pilloried of late for his stubborn refusal to abdicate the belief that cavalier football can actually win the title, had rearranged his team in the dressing room at half-time and had thrown them forward in a 3-4-3 formation that deployed Watson on the right of midfield and Elliott as a third centre back. Suddenly, after looking vulnerable in a cagey contest, Newcastle were flowing again, bearing down at Villa from all angles, all areas of the field, daring to win rather than fearing defeat.

It took courage. In the first half, Beardsley had slipped six yards from goal and presented Yorke with the ball; Villa's striker from Tobago, such a predator this season, was taken by surprise and, though the angle was narrow, should have done better than hit the side netting. Milosevic, his Serbian partner, should have scored in both halves, missing with his favoured left foot from only a matter of eight or ten yards on three occasions.



Ferdinand drills his match-winning header past a helpless Ehiogu and Bosnich at St James' Park yesterday, reviving Newcastle's Premiership hopes. Photograph: Raoul Dixon

Shortly after Milosevic's third wasted opportunity, it became obvious how adventurous, or misadventurous, Keegan's forces still were. They had only Peacock and Albert back against Yorke and Milosevic, exposed to say the least — but the cavaliers prospered, for it was from this thrust to win the match that the break came.

Beardsley — Peter Pan as they call him — rolled back his now considerable years as he sprinted forwards on the right flank. He had performed throughout closer to his preferred role in central midfield, but now the green acres of space were there and his willingness propelled him forward. On the run, with the precision that he could patent, he picked out Ferdinand with a chipped centre that would have done full justice among the azaleas of the Augusta championship.

Bosnich, who had, up to then, done everything right in the Villa goal, blinked — you might, also, if you saw Ferdinand coming at you with absolutely no thought for physical safety — and in that blink of an eye, the forehead of the England centre forward met the ball and forced it over the line for his 28th goal of the season, the goal which reopens England's championship yet again.

Newcastle stand three points behind Manchester United, with a game in hand and with a goal difference of only two between the protagonists. They stand with their

nerves so clearly exposed that, in the 26th minute, Keegan, who spent his afternoon closer to the pitch than the dugout, attempted to shout instructions to his left back, Beardsley. Beardsley clearly shouted back at his manager, as he has before, gave no leeway to an abusive player. He substituted him with Elliott, who, as it turned out, was a more flexible friend to Peacock and the restrained Albert in defence.

When all had calmed, Keegan said: "I told him what I thought he was doing wrong [leaving Charles with too much room to break down Villa's right], but the way he answered me was not the way any player should talk to his manager. He's done well for Newcastle this season, but Elliott has been pushing for a place. This lad [Elliott] has got guts and I had no hesitation in making the change."

The dispute should be forgotten quickly. Better to remember how manfully Batty strove, how lastingly Asprilla tried to trick and bemuse Villa and how hungry Ferdinand's goal breathed new life into a championship that will be remembered for decades to come.

THE TWISTS AND TURNS IN THE CLOSING STAGES OF THE PREMIERSHIP TITLE RACE

TOP OF THE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	35	22	7	6	64	35	73
Newcastle United	34	22	4	8	62	35	70
Liverpool	34	19	8	7	65	31	65

REMAINING MATCHES

Team	Match	Date	Opponent
Manchester United	Apr 17: Leeds United (a)	Apr 27: Nottingham Forest (h)	May 2: Middlesbrough (a)
Newcastle United	Apr 17: Southampton (h)	Apr 27: Leeds United (a)	May 2: Nottingham Forest (a)
Liverpool	Tomorrow: Everton (a)	Apr 27: Middlesbrough (h)	May 1: Arsenal (a)

clearly enjoyed every minute of it. green jacket or no green

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World No 1 knows first green jacket is his for the taking as final round gets under way at Augusta

Norman sets out on long march to victory

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN AUGUSTA

GREG NORMAN set out for the fourth round of the sixtieth Masters knowing that the green jacket that has eluded him in his 15 previous campaigns was his to lose at this sixteenth attempt.

Norman has been in stunning form here at Augusta National all week, widening his lead, two strokes at a time, from the moment he began with a record-equalling 63 until he was six strokes clear of Faldo, his nearest challenger, after three rounds. His lead at that point was the third largest in Masters history, behind Ray Floyd's eight strokes in 1976 and Severiano Ballesteros's seven in 1980. There was only one winner of a major championship within ten strokes.

Everything about Norman's game looked impressive as he became the first golfer in history to record five successive rounds in the 60s — his last three in 1995 and his first two this year. His drives were long and straight. He was playing within himself. He reached more than three-quarters of the greens in the regulation number of strokes. At 13 under par, Norman was within striking distance of the Masters' tournament record of 271, 17 under par, shared by Jack Nicklaus in 1965 and Floyd in 1976.

While others have struggled on Augusta's fast and furious putting surfaces Norman has had few problems. Though he three-putted the 3rd and 4th holes in his third round, of more significance is the fact that, over the last nine holes, he sank six putts of five feet or more.

Norman has been displaying some mannerisms that have not been seen before. One is to shake his left arm as if to loosen it just before he places it on his putter. Having done so, he appears to hold his putter as softly as if he is cradling a tiny, injured bird.

"On some putts, I hold my putter so softly I doubt I would even leave any finger prints on the grip," Norman said. He grips and regrips his club time after time, too, which is an obvious sign of nervousness.

"I don't think it has to be cast in stone that I have to win the Masters," Norman had said on the eve of the tourna-

ment. "We all would like to have things we've never had. I'd like to have more major championships. You just have to chase that elusive rainbow and that pot of gold at the end of it."

"If you get it one day, you feel a great sense of satisfaction. I am going to go to the 1st tee as relaxed and comfortable as I have been since the first day. I am going to enjoy every step I take."

Faldo was Norman's closest challenger but the man who was a byword for steadiness in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when he won five major championships, has lately become prone to one horrible hole. On Saturday, it was that six on the par-four 3rd hole, and it came at just the moment when he would have wanted to start putting on the pressure.

From that moment on, and particularly at the 12th, where Norman hit his first shot into Rae's Creek and might have lost two strokes of his lead, Faldo never seemed able to sustain a challenge. Only once did he have successive pars.

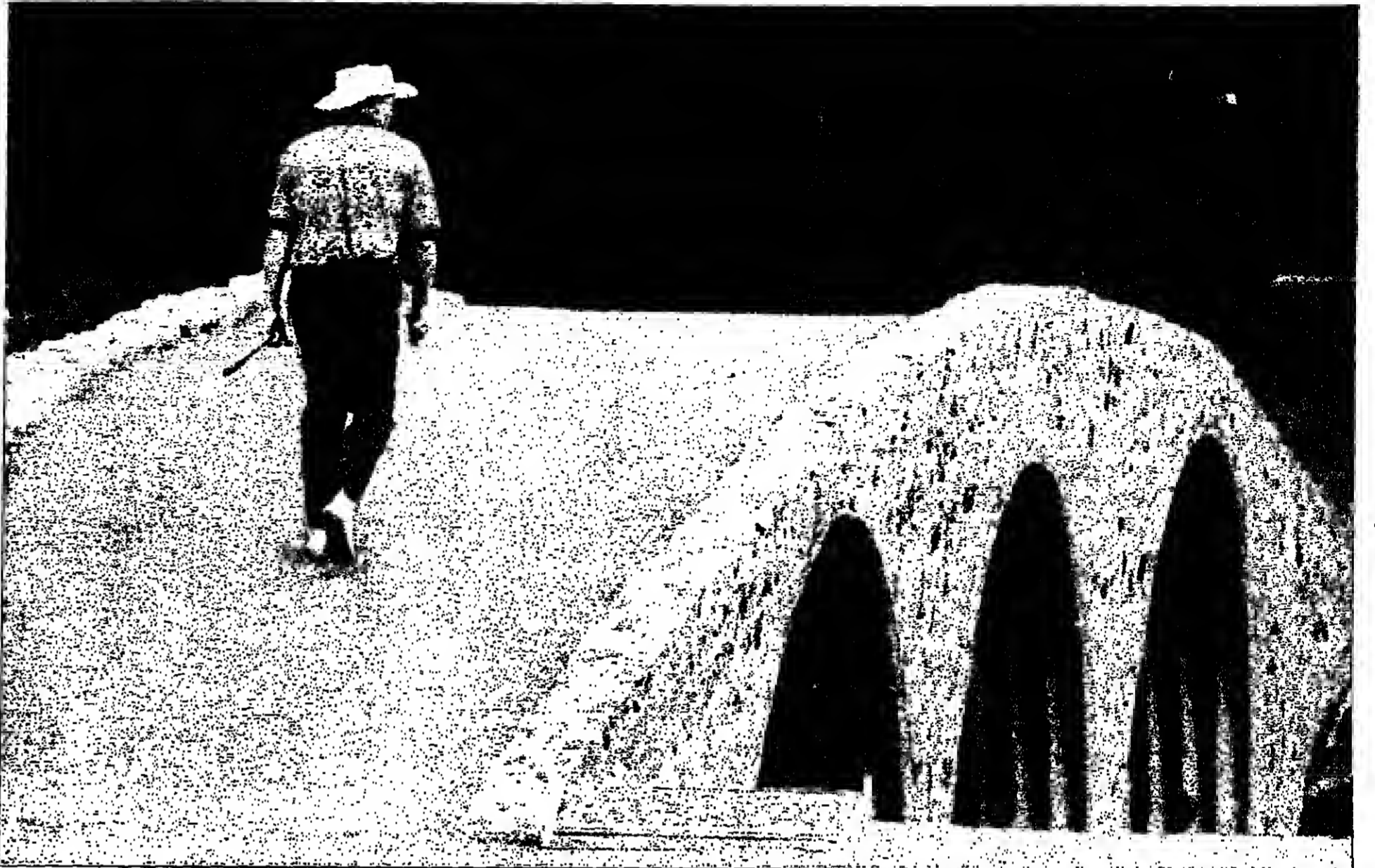
Faldo used to be able to produce one regulation figure after another, interspersed with a few birdies, but he had a real up and down round on Saturday — six pars, six birdies, five bogeys and one double bogey.

For Faldo to overtake Norman in the final round, he had to get a couple of birdies early on and hope that Norman would drop at least one stroke as well. "I've got to play my own game," Faldo said before setting out. "I'm a long way back. But, you know, anything is possible. It's all to gain and nothing to lose."

Phil Mickelson had as good a chance as Faldo. The young left-hander has a game that is suited to attacking golf, but for him to make up seven strokes was an awfully tall order. "Anything is possible and I don't want to rule out the improbable," Mickelson conceded. "It will take a 64 from me to do it."

"But, when Greg makes a mistake, he seems to recover immediately. Look at what he did after the 12th [in his third round]. He promptly birdied the 13th."

When he was at his best,



Norman was entering unfamiliar territory in the Masters yesterday. His six-stroke lead was the third largest recorded with 18 holes to play. Photograph: Gary Hershorn

Floyd had a stare that was intimidating to his rivals and made him seem oblivious to anything going on around him that he did not want to notice. He had that stare on his face for the whole of the last round of the 1986 US Open, which he won. Norman has had much the same sort of look in his eyes all week.

The *Augusta Chronicle* thought to telephone two local psychics to get a view from the paranormal about someone whose golf is far from normal. "Greg Norman is going to win this tournament," Madame Belle, a practising psychic for 25 years, said. "I just feel it. I

am not a golf fan. I hardly ever watch it, but I saw him on TV and there's just something about him that caught my eye."

The other psychic said much the same. She was given the names, birthdates and birthplaces of Norman, Faldo, Mickelson, Lee Janzen and David Frost. "Of those five, none has so strong an aura as Greg," she reported. "I looked through his spirit and he seems very determined."

"He has a great aura. He has a great field of energy to pull him through in anything he tries to do. His self-confidence and energy are so

high right now. The energy level range is zero to ten. Well, he's almost at that ten right now."

Norman once said that, when he turned 40, he still expected to play good golf for a good many years. He is 41 now, was the player of the year in the United States in 1995 and is considered to be the best player in the world by his peers. He is also ranked as such. He has won only two major titles — the Opens of 1986 and 1993 — but will never have so good a chance of adding to that total as he had yesterday, on another warm, sunny afternoon in Augusta.

SCORES AFTER THREE ROUNDS

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Despairing Montgomerie fails to get the measure of Augusta

It is such a simple act, yet so brilliantly catchy, so utterly timeless and stunningly normal, not even the best paid marketing executive — and there are a few to choose from wandering the weed-free lawns of the Augusta National golf course — could come close to dreaming it up. What could be more mundane than helping someone to put on their jacket? When the jacket happens to be a rather daunting shade of green and the giver and receiver happen to be the old and new Masters champions.

At the Masters, tradition can too often be mistaken for petty officialdom. But the donning of the green jacket is in the best line of sporting symbolism, the handing on not just of a title but a heritage which has nothing to do with the litany of rules and regulations (no cameras, no autographs, no hard-backed seats, no non-official Masters cups, no running, no ...) which make the Masters the most policed event in the sporting calendar. Nor with the mere matter of the \$400,000 (about £260,000) first prize, but everything to do with the recognition of achievement, one champion by another.

The significant thing about the ceremony yesterday, which was actually executed twice, once for television, once for real — this is America, after all — was that momentary communion of champions. Ben Crenshaw, ever mindful of his duty, stayed on in Augusta after missing the cut on Friday, spending his last days as defending champion kicking his heels and waiting to perform that one final act which only lasted a matter of seconds. But it is an exclusive moment, only truly understood by the rare men who have known what it means to emerge victorious from the four-day joust with the fickle winds and marble greens of Augusta.

If any British player was destined to send their chest measurement off to the Hamilton Tailoring Company of Chircmhall, where the jackets are made from cloth specially chosen by the club, most predicted it would be Colin



ANDREW LONGMORE
At the Masters

winter on carrot juice. In the days leading up to the sixtieth Masters, the Scot seemed certain to be the most potent challenger from across the Atlantic, the most likely successor to the role-call of European winners which has included Nick Faldo, Severiano Ballesteros, Sandy Lyle, Ian Woosnam and Jose Maria Olazabal, and which has driven the Americans to distraction.

Yet to see Montgomerie after his third round on Saturday was to see a man suffering from a chronic case of incomprehension, the most dreaded disease known to a golfer. His round had included an eight and a two at successive holes, three over

and one under, in the space of about 20 minutes. "This is the most frustrating place I have ever played," he said, which is something, given that Montgomerie has a degree in the subject of frustration. "I can't understand this place. I am playing perfect golf and yet doing nothing. What am I supposed to do? How am I supposed to play this place?" The press had no idea either.

On the 15th, one of the most public spots on the course, Montgomerie endured an embarrassment which is usually the preserve of club hackers. It is worth recording, if only to give hope to every golfer on the planet. For four strokes, Montgomerie did everything by the book, laying up short of

the creek, pitching a little long, but safely, and dropping his first putt to within a foot of the hole. That was the easy part. His second putt rolled eight feet past the hole, the return missed as well and, from a standard par five, the Scot was plodding away with an eight.

His temper was not helped on the next hole, when his tee shot rolled to within three feet of the hole and only began to roll gently away from it when Montgomerie was walking towards the green. He made the putt anyway, but his relationship with Augusta could take some mending over the next few years, for all the promising start to his final round yesterday.

To prick the world No 2's ego further, Faldo's old grinding, relentless, spirit has surfaced once more, just as he had predicted it would. This is what brought Faldo to America, the adrenaline rush of being in contention on the last day of a major, and his second round of 67, which lifted him within sight of Norman, was a gem, not flawless by any means, but tough with a hint of sparkle amid the stone. "It's nice to be back in the hunt," he had said afterwards.

He has been back to his prickly best in the interview room, too, giving short answers to long questions and suggesting to one journalist, who had innocently asked about the length of time he took to hit a pitch to the 12th on the third day, that he should try to play the shot sometime. "It was a difficult lie, on the edge of the cut grass, and I had to hit it from an uphill lie onto a green which sloped down. And it was the Saturday of the Masters. Does that answer your question?" he snapped before heading for the practice range with his hawk-eyed coach, David Leadbetter.

"It's just a matter of confidence," Leadbetter said. "He's hitting the ball really well but when you haven't been in contention for a major for a while, you lose confidence." Faldo has rediscovered the thrill of the chase and has clearly enjoyed every minute of it, green jacket or no green

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

Capitalisation, week's change

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Table of equity prices for various sectors including Alcoholic Beverages, Banks, Breweries, Pubs & Rest, Diversified Industrials, Electricity, Electronic & Elec, Engineering, Household Goods, Insurance, Investment Trusts, and Distributors.

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Advertisement for 'Legendary English Shoes' by Cherris, featuring an image of a shoe and text listing locations: LONDON, PARIS, NEW YORK, MILAN, BRUSSELS, HONG KONG, TOKYO, MOSCOW.

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Tobacco groups ride out legal threat by expanding

Richard Thomson finds the makers of cigarettes in surprisingly good health

Beset by lawsuits, besieged by anti-smoking campaigners, attacked by legislators, the US tobacco industry has never had so many problems to contend with. But anyone who was tempted to think that it was sinking under the burden may be surprised to learn that its core business has never been better.

few days will be results from American Brands, Brooke Group, UST Inc and, in the first week of May, Loews Corp. All of them will show handsome profit growth. The first-quarter results, moreover, are likely to set the tone for the rest of 1996.



Philip Morris, which owns the Marlboro brand, is one of several tobacco groups in an industry that faces 155 lawsuits

son, the third-largest US tobacco company, which is owned by BAT Industries, are in the Far East and Latin America.

important because the US accounts for a mere 12 per cent of the total world consumption of five thousand billion cigarettes a year. US groups are grabbing a bigger share of the world market, mainly in Eastern Europe, the Far East and South America

a move which should generate vast profits for them in the future. And they have hardly ever tapped the biggest single market of all, China, which smokes a thousand billion cigarettes a year.

But while trading is going well, there is a public relations disaster developing in the US. However much tobacco executives try to make light of the 155 lawsuits pending against the industry, they undoubtedly face a big problem. "Until recently, the lawsuits were just from activists trying to get publicity,"

said Mr Adelman. "Now, for the first time, the companies are being sued by people and institutions that really want to make money out of them."

to pay out money. This opened the floodgates to the tide of new lawsuits. Given the slow pace of the US courts, the outcome will not be clear for some time. The immediate effect of the Liggett action, however, was to hammer the value of tobacco shares. Philip Morris is down 16 per cent from \$104 to \$88. RJR down from \$35 to \$30. BAT's US-traded ADRs down from \$18 to \$15. Investors are frightened. Some of the huge public employee investment funds, such as those in California, say tobacco shares are no longer a safe investment. On a historical basis, they are now cheap.

Assault ships delayed as MoD haggles over price

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

AN ORDER for two new assault ships to equip Britain's soon-to-be-launched rapid reaction force is being held up by the Ministry of Defence battles with GEC Marine, its monopoly supplier, over price.

up to 800 Marines each to launch sea-borne assaults, are urgently needed if Britain's ability to project military power overseas is to be restored.

the yard was determined to win the assault-ship work. "Negotiations are still going on," he said. The contracts were expected to be placed last year. But MoD sources suggest the aim now is to secure a deal before the summer parliamentary recess.

struction and basic fitting out of the 600 ft hull to Kvaerner Govan, a civil yard on Clyde-side, for £80 million. The National Audit Office subsequently estimated that VSEL had provided £25 million to £30 million of support to its bid, though company sources are reported to have put the figure closer to £10 million.

IOPC counts cost of oil spill

By Marianne Curphey

MORE than 100 delegates will meet in London tomorrow to assess the total cost of cleaning up the Welsh coast after the Sea Empress oil tanker ran aground at Milford Haven two months ago.

claims for damage and loss of income. Skuld, the Sea Empress's Norwegian liability insurer, has so far paid out £215,000 in hardship payments to 62 people employed in the areas worst hit by the spillage.

In Belfast and is being cleaned before the damage is assessed. A number of companies have put in tenders for repair, but Harland & Wolff is likely to win the contract if repairs proceed.

CBI finds pay rises steady at 3.6%

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

PAY awards in Britain show no sign of accelerating, according to new figures from the Confederation of British Industry's Pay Databank published today.

Protest looms as Savoy chief's salary leaps 60%

By Jon Ashworth

DIRECTORS of the Savoy Group are braced for a storm of protest over pay when shareholders gather for the annual meeting on May 20.



Giles Shepard resigned from the Savoy in September 1994

tion) last year. The report further discloses that Mr Pajares is on a three-year rolling contract, reducing to two years after November 1997, and to one year from November 1998.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the One Hundred and Seventieth Annual General Meeting of the Members of Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society will be held in the principal office, Amicable House, 150 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5NQ, on Tuesday, 23rd April 1996, at 4.00 pm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Royal Agricultural Society of England will be held at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneham Park, Weymouth, Dorset, on Tuesday, 16th May 1996, at 12 noon for the following purposes:

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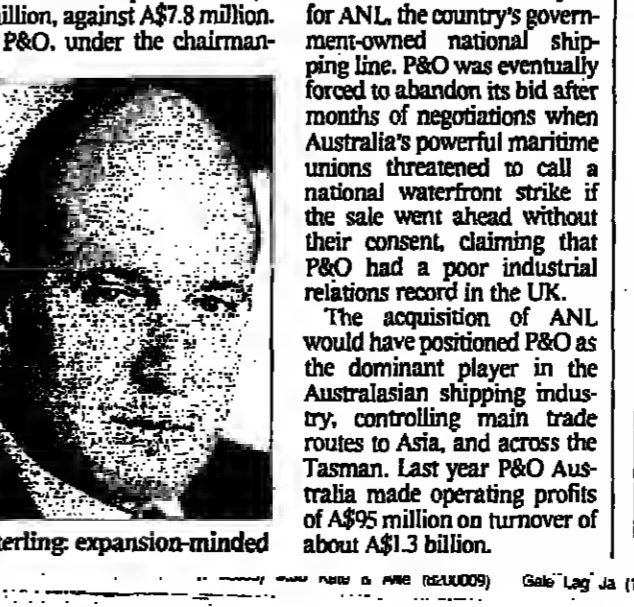
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P&O leads race for Geelong port

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

P&O has emerged as a leading bidder for Australia's Port of Geelong in what would mark the company's first acquisition of a port.



Sterling expansion-minded

CHANGE ON WEEK

Table with exchange rates for US dollar, German mark, and Exchange index.

STOCK MARKET

Table with stock market indices for FT 30 share, FT-SE 100, New York Dow Jones, and Tokyo Nikkei Avge.

TOURIST RATES

Table with tourist rates for various countries including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and USA.

Banco do Brasil S.A. wishes to inform clients and correspondent banks in the United Kingdom that, with effect from 3rd June 1996, the counters of the London branch will be open to the public on London business days between the hours of 12pm and 4pm daily.

BUSINESS

UK firms join £8bn rush to rebuild Bosnia

By Sarah Cunningham

BRITISH companies are hoping to be awarded their first contracts for the reconstruction of Bosnia within a month. Up to £8 billion will be spent on rebuilding war-ravaged former Yugoslavia over the next four years. War damage has been estimated at \$50 billion.

for British companies brightened after \$1.23 billion of new aid for rebuilding Bosnia was pledged by representatives of 30 countries and 30 international agencies meeting in Brussels at the weekend.

including Balfour Beatty, have sent scouting parties to Bosnia, while a consultancy, Howard Humphreys & Partners, the British subsidiary of Brown & Root of the US, has moved some staff to Sarajevo.

Small business 'crisis' in Europe

By Sarah Cunningham

BRITISH entrepreneurs are more optimistic than their counterparts in Europe about the prospects for their national economy and for their own companies, but they are gloomier than when they were six months ago, says a survey published today.

and medium-sized businesses in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. Only the British took a positive view of their commercial outlook, but they were gloomier than when they were last surveyed. The French are the most pessimistic on this front, closely followed by the Germans.



A man repairs his house in the suburb of Dobrinja in Sarajevo. Full-scale reconstruction in Bosnia will start shortly

Sweeteners aimed at taking strain out of Railtrack float

By Jonathan Prynne, Transport Correspondent

THE Government will today unveil a bumper package of sweeteners to attract shareholders to the £1.8 billion Railtrack flotation when it publishes the pathfinder prospectus for the sale today.

share payments will give shareholders a first year return of up to 20 per cent. That is thought to be the biggest premium over building society rates since the first public flotations a decade ago.

Political arguments over the sale are likely to be heightened by details of directors' bonus packages outlined in the prospectus. It will show directors can earn up to 40 per cent of basic salary in bonuses if profit targets are met.

other hurdles this week. On Tuesday, the Save Our Railways lobby group will launch a new legal action aimed at forcing the Government to allow British Rail to bid for franchises. Next day, Labour will lead a Commons debate on the Railtrack flotation that is expected to end in a close vote.

MMC attacked after leak

By Paul Durman

THE leaking of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on two big electricity company takeovers has cast doubt over the integrity of Britain's competition regime.

Mr Bantle said: "I don't think anybody will ever trust reports going to the MMC again. It's really worrying. If the Government can't trust its MMC then how can it have a credible competition policy?"

Shares in the companies, and other potential takeover targets, rose sharply on Friday because the MMC is recommending to the DTI that the bids be allowed to proceed. However, the Commission believes that some aspects of the deals "may be expected to operate against the public interest".

Society to unveil payout

By Robert Miller

BRISTOL & WEST, Britain's ninth-largest building society, with assets of £9 billion, will today unveil the terms and details of likely bonus payouts after the Bank of Ireland announces a £600 million takeover of the society.

cash in on the bonuses at the last minute had formed outside many branches and the society was forced to freeze new share accounts with immediate effect.

Bristol & West deal will also help to grow the bank's £3 billion mortgage book. Bristol & West will need to secure the approval of its members. As the deal works its way through the system, speculation on the next likely candidate for a merger or conversion to banking status will become even more intense.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting squares. The title 'TIMES TWO CROSSWORD' is at the top, and 'No 756' is at the bottom.

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SOLUTION TO NO 755 ACROSS: 1 Cluttered 6 Cop 8 Tedious 9 Sit up 10 Dart 11 Almighty 13 Rummor 14 Accept 17 Disarray 18 Oris 20 Crest 21 Samurai 22 Lot 23 Sedentary DOWN: 1 Cole d'Or 2 Under one's feet 3 Thor 4 Rustle 5 Distinct 6 Catchment area 7 Poppy 12 Detritus 15 Tessily 16 Mashed 17 Ducal 19 Amen

Routes to City, Heathrow and Oxford are planned

Branson dreams of rail empire

By Our Transport Correspondent

RICHARD BRANSON is planning to build a Virgin rail empire linking the City of London with Heathrow Airport and lucrative tourist destinations such as Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon and Windsor. Despite last month's setback when he failed to secure the Gatwick Express franchise, Mr Branson is determined to become one of the leading players in Britain's new-look railways.



Richard Branson is ready to roll

day-return tickets for as little as £2.97, far undercutting the best price available on the train. Mr Branson believes there is scope to attract much of the coach business back to the railways by providing a 55-minute London to Oxford express service.

Advertisement for Corby Works. It features a large circular graphic with the text 'PUT YOURSELF ON THE SPOT'. Below this, it says 'and 800 other successful companies that have chosen Corby in the past ten years. Two-thirds of them in manufacturing. Highest proportion in UK of overseas companies. A private investment of over £1,000m. Corby Spot on for its central position, superb communications, dedicated workforce and superior lifestyle. The spot where you'll find yourself in the best of business company.' It includes contact information for John Hill, Director of Industry, Corby Industrial Development Corp, Grosvenor House, George Street, Corby, Northants NN17 1TZ. There is also a form for 'NAME', 'COMPANY', 'ADDRESS', and 'P/CODE'.

Vertical advertisement on the right edge of the page. It includes the text 'KALETSKY'S LABOUR' and 'AVON'. There is a small image of a person's face at the top.